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Aluma Barbara Paterson, the sculptor of the "Famous Five" monument recently unveiled on Parliament Hill, is one of the outstanding U of A graduates whose accomplishments are celebrated by this year's Alumni Recognition Awards.

Photograph by David Lazorowich,
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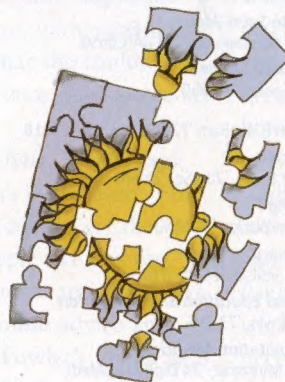
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BASECAMP



The hardest part of my job—the most difficult by far—is finding space for all of the interest-

ing items we could include in the magazine. It just can't be done. That's why I'm excited about the possibilities opened up by the Web. Now some of the material that we have been unable to publish in *New Trail* can be made accessible via the Internet.

Quite some time ago, we made the decision not to run extended obituaries in the magazine (except in certain cases where the individual was closely connected with the University). Because space is so limited in *New Trail*, we made the conscious decision to focus on the interesting accomplishments of graduates while they are living. However, we still continue to receive—and have appreciated receiving—copies of eulogies, many of them very moving, testifying to the extraordinary accomplishments of graduates who have passed away. I have very much regretted having to file these away without being able to share them with the individual's friends and classmates. We now plan to share these via the Alumni Association Web site.

Similarly, alumni often share with us memories of their student days. Occasionally we can fit these into the magazine (as we have done in this issue with Charles Crockford's memories of a rather unusual Garneau apartment), but too often we have had to file them away. The Web, which can easily store even lengthy articles, has given us an alternative.

We hope to have these new features incorporated into our Web site by early next year, and we welcome hearing from you with your memories of campus or of alumni who have passed away—we can now share them.

Rick Pilger
Editor, *New Trail*



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landmarks

■ Lorne Tyrrell, '64 BSc, '68 MD,



U of A professor of
medicine and dean of
the Faculty of Medicine
and Dentistry, recently
received the Alberta
Order of Excellence,
the province's highest honour, for his
outstanding research and contributions
in the field of medicine.

■ The University of Alberta's Islet-
Transplant Research team was recently
recognized by the Alberta Science and
Technology Foundation. The research
group received ASTech's award for
outstanding leadership in Alberta
science in recognition of their ground-
breaking treatment for diabetes.

■ U of A renewable resources
professor **David Chanasyk**, '74
BSc(Ag), '80 PhD, was recently award-
ed a fellowship in the Canadian
Society of Soil Science, the highest hon-
our given by the society to members
to recognize exemplary service and
outstanding accomplishments.

■ The Kidney Foundation of Canada
has awarded its Medal for Research
Excellence to Philip Halloran, U of A
professor in the Faculty of Medicine
and Dentistry. Halloran was recognized
for his research and work in kidney
transplantation.

■ The 2000 Louis D. Hyndman Sr.
Awards have been awarded to U of A
renewable resources professor Robert
Hudson and lab technician Elaine
Moase, who works in the Department
of Pharmacology. Established in 1994,
the Hyndman Awards are presented
annually to researchers and technicians
for their contributions to improving the
welfare of animals used in research or
teaching at the University.



■ The U of A's Faculty of Extension
Web site took top honours in the higher
education category at the fourth annu-
al North American Web Awards, held in
late October in Fredericton, N.B. The
University's MuniMall Web site also
won in the portal category, and the
PHARMAlearn Web site place second
in the corporate education category.

■ The Association of Canadian Choral
Conductors' National Choral Award for
the best Canadian choral recording of
the last two years went to the U of A
Madrigal Singers, directed by Leonard
Ratzlaff, for their CD, "Balulalow:
Anthems, Carols and Lullabies for
Christmas."

■ **Edward Holdaway**, '66 MEd,
'68 PhD, a professor emeritus of
educational policy studies at the
University, received the Distinguished
Member Award for 2000 of the
Canadian Society for the Study of
Higher Education at its annual meeting
in May 2000.

■ The University of Alberta Faculty of
Agriculture, Forestry, and Home
Economics has named Les Fuller to its
newly-created chair in environmentally
sustainable agriculture.

■ Chemical and materials engineering
professor Murray Gray is the first hold-
er of a \$3.5-million chair created as
the result of a partnership agreement
among the U of A, NSERC, and
Syncrude Canada. As the chairholder,
Gray will research the advanced
upgrading of bitumen.

■ Ronald McElhaney, a professor in
the University's biochemistry department,
has received the Avanti Award in
Lipids, which is presented annually
by the Biophysical
Society and the
American Society for
Biochemistry and
Molecular Biology.
McElhaney won for his "sustained con-
tribution" in biophysics research, and
he will receive the award in February in
Boston, Massachusetts.



■ Beginning in September 2001, the
U of A will be offering a new master's
degree in Internet technology thanks
to a deal struck with Cisco Systems
Canada that will provide \$1 million in
funding for the new program.

■ Former deputy provincial treasurer
Al O'Brien, '64 BA, '69 MA, has
accepted an 18-month term as the act-
ing vice-president (finance and admin-
istration) at the University.

■ The University community notes with
sorrow the passing of Constance
MacFarlane, former professor and dean
of women and **Taro Yoneda**, '44 MD,
who worked for many years at
University Health Services.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Pointer on Planes

Regarding the article about Gordon Patterson and his contributions to the design of the Spitfire aircraft in the Autumn 2000 *New Trail* on page 16, you state that the Spitfire was the only aircraft in use for the entire war. This is not true. The Vickers Wellington was in use for the entire war also.

Byron Bustin, '58 BEd, '62 BA
Devon, Alberta

Editor's Note: We did some further research and found that the printed source we relied on was indeed incorrect.

The Vickers Wellington, a bomber designed in the early 1930s, was also used for the entirety of the war.

The University comes alive

I have always skimmed through the publication, but this time I spent some time with it [Spring 2000] to read about the discoveries on pages 10 to 11, the story of the cello on page 7, and the Dewey Decimal System work on page 8. I also was interested to read about the various deans. These articles really made the University come alive again for me as a

place where discoveries and research are supported and encouraged. I would be interested in more stories about the accomplishments of the University and its students and staff, both past and present.
Gloria Novak, '70 BLS
Qualicum Beach, B.C.

We would like to hear your comments about the magazine. Send us your letters via mail to the address on page 3. The letters maybe be edited for length or clarity.

CORRECTION

In the *Growing up on Campus* feature in the Autumn 2000 issue, the architect of the original Medical Sciences Building, now the Dentistry/Pharmacy Centre, was identified as being Cecil Burgess. Burgess, the University's resident architect from 1913 to 1940, designed Pembina Hall and the Ring Houses, but Percy Nobbs, of the Montreal firm Nobbs and Hyde, was the architect for Dentistry/Pharmacy. *New Trail* apologizes for the error.

A Remarkable Legacy: Feeling at Home at the Fowlers

Helen Fowler, at 89 years, is finally ready to retire after a lifetime of opening her home and her heart to U of A students. A remarkable Edmontonian, Fowler, who has a bright-eyed smile that one can actually hear in her voice, instantly puts everyone she meets at ease. It comes as no surprise to discover that she has been nicknamed "Mama" Fowler by 80-or-so foreign students, immigrants, and veterans who at one-time have lived in, or frequented, her home.

Mama Fowler and her late husband, Mel Fowler, first opened their home to U of A students after the Second World War. Faced with a student-housing crunch, the government asked residents in the University area if they would take in veterans attending the University. The

Fowlers, living just a whiff of cinnamon away from the Tuck Shop, gladly agreed.

Through the years the Fowlers' place—three different houses, all within walking distance of campus—became home for many students, especially foreign students and their friends and family who were immigrating to Canada. When Mel passed away in the '70s, Mama Fowler briefly stopped taking in students. But, with a twinkle in her eye, she says that she couldn't get rid of "the bug," and once again opened her door.

Pakistan-born Sajid Aziz, '64 BSc(Eng), lived with the Fowlers in the early '60s, and he describes the couple as "the most remarkable people I've ever met."

Now residing in the Toronto area, Aziz says Mel's sound advice and Mama Fowler's loving support helped many students get through University and go on to successful careers.

Although Amera Raza, '70 MA, never lived at the Fowlers, she was a familiar face at their place—visiting friends and Mama Fowler.

Raza says the Fowlers provided foreign

students with love and protection, "in what was a new and very strange environment for most of us." Times have changed, but Raza who currently lives in Buffalo, New York, can still be found at Mama Fowler's when she's in Edmonton—a tradition that Aziz and others also keep.

Another of Mama Fowler's frequent visitors is Bibi Laurie of Calgary. Laurie met Mama Fowler in 1963, and a mother-daughter bond instantly formed between them, she says. "I was never homesick for Pakistan—this was because of Mama."

Sheherazade Ahmad, '69 BA, '70 BLS met Mama Fowler more than 30 years ago when she came to Edmonton from Pakistan to meet her soon-to-be husband, who was staying with the Fowlers. Any nervousness she felt immediately disappeared when Mama Fowler greeted her. "Instantly I saw how soft and open her mannerisms were, and how comfortable she made me feel."

Raza recently was in the city and met with Mama Fowler and Ahmad. In a room cluttered with memories, the three shared much laughter and storytelling. Mama Fowler just beamed. "It touches my heart thinking about all these people who have enriched my life. This was my life's work, and I wouldn't change a thing."



Mama Fowler and Ahmad look through photo albums.



bear country

The University Cup is an antique, sterling silver soup tureen that was discovered in the basement of Athabasca Hall five years ago. It was refurbished and mounted on a maple base made from a tree that once stood on campus. The University Cup is presented annually to a faculty member who is both an outstanding educator and researcher.

The University Cup 2000



The University's Tory Professor of English, Isobel Grundy, has been awarded the University Cup—the highest honour for teaching and research excellence at the University of Alberta. "It was a real surprise, a very happy one," says Grundy about receiving the prestigious award. "I think it is wonderful for everyone in humanities."

Grundy, an internationally respected scholar in 17th and 18th-century literature, especially women writers, says she believes teaching and research go hand in hand. "I reckon you should be able to bring your research to your students," she says. To do this, Grundy uses the art of repeti-

tion. "If you repeat things—expressed differently, of course—it is likely to stick," she says. Grundy also lets students do the thinking by, "facilitating dialogue and encouraging students to put forward their own ideas."

When Grundy is not teaching, she is usually involved in research—doing what she calls "detective work." Also an author, she has recently published a highly praised biography of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu. However, Grundy is perhaps best known for her work with U of A's Orlando Project. (This massive project involves writing the first fully scholarly history of women's writing in the British Isles.)

Beer Barrel Rolling Champ

An extraordinary thing happened to fourth-year U of A business student Jillian Faltin late this summer. When Faltin was on an eight-month international co-op placement at the Velke Popovice Brewery in Prague

she took up beer-barrel racing, and in September she went on to win gold in the Women's

World Beer Barrel Rolling Championships held in Burton Upon Trent, Great Britain.



While at the Velke Popovice Brewery, Faltin and her Czech roommate, Viktorie Maresova, decided—on a whim—to enter the Czech Republic's beer-barrel-rolling competition. With only three weeks to train, Faltin and her teammate quickly learned that rolling a 60-kilogram oak barrel with only wooden sticks is not as easy as

it looks. So, they came up with a new technique. "We tried all sorts of styles of pushing the barrel with the meter-long sticks around the loading docks of the brewery and figured that to hit the barrel simultaneously was the best way to survive the sprint," she says.

Survive—and win—they did. Their victory at the national level was what got them to Burton Upon Trent, the site of the only international beer-barrel-rolling races. Faltin describes the course as being, "a blocked-off parking lot with one sharp turn in the middle." Using the winning technique they perfected in Prague, Faltin and Maresova not only won the women's title, they also—just for fun—entered the men's barrel-rolling race and finished sixth.

Not bad for someone who, when asked what she thought of beer-barrel-racing prior to her victory, responded, "I had never heard of the sport in my life."



Top-notch University facility takes on the name of its founder

Twenty-three years ago **Robert Steadward**, '69 BPE, '71 MSc, founded a humble facility aimed to help disabled athletes reach their potential.

Today, that small facility has grown into a centre that has been replicated in more than 15 countries around the world. Celebrating its success on 17 November, the centre reopened with the name of its founder; it is now the Steadward Centre for Personal and Physical Achievement. Formerly the Rick Hansen Centre, the facility will continue to provide fitness and lifestyle programs, instruction and research for people with physical disabilities.

"I am going to put a lot of my energies into the vision I have had for more than 30 years of developing a world-class centre for people with disabilities who are concerned about their health, their fitness, their lifestyle, and independence in an inclusive society," said Steadward.

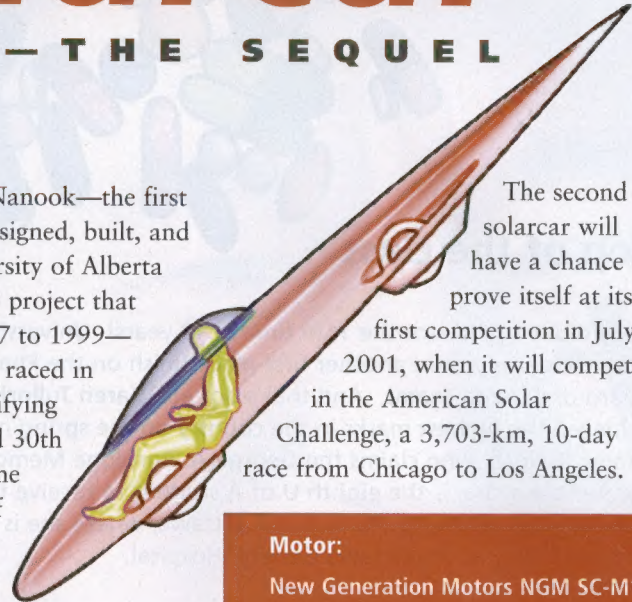
Solarcar

— THE SEQUEL

First there was Nanook—the first solar vehicle designed, built, and raced by University of Alberta students. A \$170,000 project that took two years—1997 to 1999—to complete, Nanook raced in the Sunrayce 99 qualifying event, where it placed 30th and was dubbed by the competition as one of the best rookie cars.

Inspired by the success of Nanook, a new generation of students is working on creating a second solarcar. A collaborative effort, the new solar vehicle project team is made up of members from the engineering, business, science, arts and education faculties. Project leader Ryan Harty says the project provides excellent hands-on experience for students in the area of their discipline—English students help out by producing a newsletter, whereas business students take care of the budget and marketing. (Although Harty admits undergraduate engineering students are still in the majority.)

Harty, who was involved in the design and construction of Nanook, says it is a bit easier the second time a round. But it still takes time, and he estimates it will take about 7,000 hours of volunteer labour to build this new car. Still nameless, the new solar vehicle will look like Nanook, says Harty, but will be lighter, stronger, and faster.



The second solarcar will have a chance to prove itself at its first competition in July 2001, when it will compete in the American Solar Challenge, a 3,703-km, 10-day race from Chicago to Los Angeles.

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Occupants: One (Driver Only)

Top Speed 110 kph

Cruising Speed: 50 kph (running only on sunlight)

Length: 5.8 m

Width: 2.0 m

Height: 1.6 m

Mass: Approximately 400 kg (batteries and driver included)



bear country



Top of the class

They did it again—for the 11th time in 12 years! University of Alberta pharmacy students scored another first-place finish on the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada exams. And that's not all. **Karen Tulloch**, '00 BSc(Pharm), achieved the highest marks in the country on the spring national qualifying exams. Tulloch, who claims the George A. Burbidge Memorial Scholarship for her top score, is the eighth U of A student to receive this honour in the past 10 years. Currently Tulloch is in Ottawa, where she is completing a one-year residency at the Ottawa General Hospital.

And speaking of records ... for the consecutive fourth-year a U of A student has won the C.D. Howe Foundation Award, a national competition that recognizes the top male and female first-year engineering student in academics, leadership, and extracurricular activities. The U of A is also the first University in the history of this award to win both male and female awards in the same year. The Faculty of Engineering's six C.D. Howe winners are John Cotton, Aaron Hryciw, Katherine Huggons, Tim Poon, Agnes Yuen, and Colm Ryan.

Business suits up to a new look



It's now the School of Business, and on 28 September it celebrated the launch of its new image.

"Times change. Businesses change. And so do we," announced Michael Percy, the school's dean, to more than 500 students and staff who attended the launching ceremony. "We've put a fresh new face on our 80-year tradition of excellence," he said.

The new identity and name change for the former Faculty of Business, are the School's way of staying competitive with North American universities, said Percy. Part of the school's new image is an updated logo, a triangular design incorporating the letters ASB, which replaces the old symbol, a Phoenician sailing ship.

ASK THE PRESIDENT



Roderick D. Fraser
President, University of Alberta

Q: We often hear you talk about "technology transfer." This immediately conjures up images of high-tech wizardry, but do you have something broader in mind?

A: Certainly, as a world-class research institution, we are expected to be active in ensuring the public benefits from breakthroughs in science and engineering. But our transfer of knowledge extends beyond the high-tech world. It is also functioning at basic and fundamental levels, benefiting the least advantaged living among us.

Just one example is the Community-University Partnership for the Study of Children, Youth and Families, with Dr. Jeff Bisanz as director. It started in 1997, when a group of University of Alberta researchers began meeting with representatives from community agencies and identified the gap between research

and practice to be a serious problem. They realized there was no structure to coordinate university and community resources or to support the kind of community-based, applied research that is necessary for advancing knowledge about child and family development.

Today this partnership draws upon the expertise of a broad cross section of University of Alberta research centres committed to improving the well-being of children and their families. The result is enhanced collaboration with community partners such as Head Start, Success by Six, and Edmonton Public and Edmonton Catholic Schools.

The beauty of these partnership lies in the further enrichment of the research experience. By translating our knowledge into practical applications for our partners, we continue to learn about the very specific needs of those around us.



University of Alberta education professor, **Swee-Hin Toh**, '74 MEd, '80 PhD, is the winner of the UNESCO Prize for Peace Education for the year 2000. This international honour was recently presented to Toh in recognition of his pioneering work in promoting peace education in many different countries including Uganda, South Africa, Jamaica, Japan, the U.S.A., and—in particular—the Philippines, where his humanitarian efforts in Mindanao have helped ease conflicts among Muslims, Christians, and the Philippine army.

"Joyful," is the word Toh uses to express how he felt when he was told by the Filipino educators who nominated him that he had won the prize. "I share the honour of this award with all the educators that I have collaborated with over the years," he says humbly. He adds that the significance of this award is great because it sends out a message to the world that peace education is important. And with that in mind, Toh says, in the future, he hopes he can go to places where he has not been before to promote peace education.

The prize, which is awarded annually by the United Nations, recognizes long-standing contributions to education in peace-related fields. Among its previous recipients are Nobel Peace Prize laureates Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Rigoberto Menchu Tum of Guatemala as well as groups such as the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

According to **Carolyn Yewchuck**, '72 PhD, an associate dean in the University's Faculty of Education, for an academic to win this award is extraordinary. "It is perhaps one of the highest honours someone at the U of A has ever received."

Millions in China learning English the U of A way

Education professors design oral-based curriculum

By Geoff McMaster

As you read this, millions of children in China's Hebei province are learning to speak English faster than ever before. That's because they've adopted a new ESL (English as a second language) program designed by professors in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta.

Located immediately south of Beijing, Hebei province has a population of 64 million people with about 12 million in Grades 1 to 12. A few years ago the province decided to overhaul the school curriculum to be more student-centred and activity-based, and officials began looking beyond their borders for expertise.

It wasn't long before they found, through a network of diplomatic connections, U of A Education faculty members Jim Parsons, secondary education, and his wife Tara Fenwick, '79 BA, '89 MEd, '96 PhD, in policy studies. The couple had a proposal to help update a hopelessly archaic system of learning English in China.

With assistance from the Hebei Education Research Institute, Hebei Publishing House and Duval Publishing House (a local publisher headed up by former U of A Press director Glenn Rollans, '78 BA, '80 Cert Arts)—and partly funded by the Canadian International Development Agency—Parsons and Fenwick quickly got to work putting together student texts, teacher guides, audio-tapes, storybooks and activity books for students in Grades 4 to 6.

The project has taken off, and the U of A-designed package is now the

official ESL program in Hebei province.

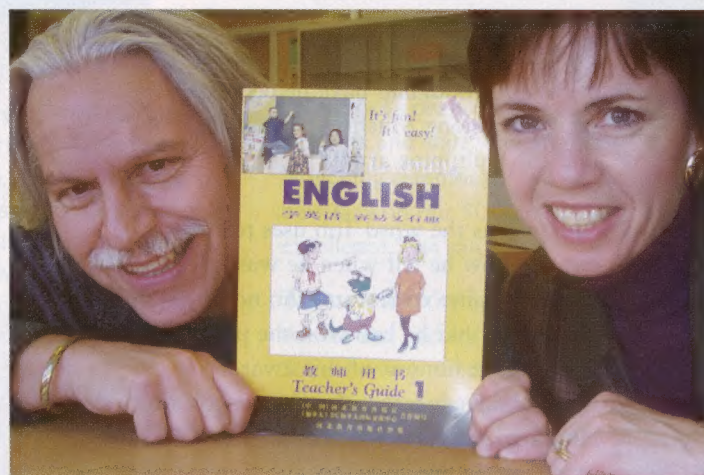
"The Chinese had this British system of ESL, published in Singapore, which is highly grammatical and very written says Parsons. "The [texts] are very British, in the best and

worst sense of being British. They're aggressively colonizing... all this white man's burden stuff. What the Chinese are finding is their kids are learning the textbooks, but they can't speak English when they're finished."

Parsons admits he's a "simple guy," good at communicating ideas to 11-year-olds—exactly what you need to design language materials. But what helped the program really gain momentum was realizing that to reach the kids most effectively you have to prepare the teachers "who couldn't speak it either." And so he and Fenwick have run a number of workshops for hundreds of young educators and continue to offer two institutes each summer in Hebei.

"That's been a wise choice, because as we worked with hundreds of teachers...their English improved a lot over seven days," he says. "It's the first time many of them have spoken English to westerners. Give me a hot, sweaty room with 400 teachers and I love it."

The project has also enlisted the help of education dean Larry Beauchamp,



Joe Wu, '88 MEd, '93 PhD, in the Department of Elementary Education, Barbara Maheu, '95 MEd, of the Alberta Teachers' Association and several graduate students. Last January three graduate students held a five-day institute for more than 100 teachers and supervisors in Hebei.

Secondary education master's student Lisa Li, a native of China with experience in ESL, has been helping to design materials. She says the project has the potential to spread beyond Hebei into the rest of the highly populated country, helping millions more learn English.

"In the past, all over China we used the same textbook," she says. "But now there is a variety and [provinces and districts] can make their own choices. If the program is good, the numbers could enlarge."

Parsons says two other provinces in China have already started looking into the program, and the Hebei Publishing House plans to market the books across the nation.



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Insect Antifreeze Proteins

The "antifreeze" that allows some insects—including that notable pest, the spruce budworm—to survive extended periods of sub-zero temperatures may one day be used to make crops frost-resistant, to do away with freezer burn in frozen foods, and to protect human organs being preserved for transplant.

Those scenarios are now closer thanks to the recent isolation of the protein responsible for preserving the cell tissue of winter-surviving insects. The discovery is the fruit of a collaboration involving the leading-edge capabilities of the University of Alberta's NANUC nuclear magnetic resonance imaging centre and the expertise of Peter Davies, whose laboratory at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, is a world leader in the study of antifreeze proteins.

Davies and others have previously identified and described the workings of antifreeze proteins in fish. With the help of NANUC, which is directed by U of A biochemist **Brian Sykes**, '65 BSc, attention was focused on the equivalent protein in winter-surviving insects. In particular, the researchers looked at the spruce budworm and the mealworm beetle and found that the antifreeze proteins that protect these insects are 100 times more powerful than those in fish.

The antifreeze proteins work by binding to ice crystals, severely curtailing the growth of the crystals and making possible the insects' survival at temperatures as frigid as -30°C . According to Steffan Graether, a U of A graduate student involved in the study, the insect antifreeze protein—which has now been cloned—could be used in a number of applications once it is better understood how the proteins are structured and how they interact with ice crystals.

In the future the cloned material, or similar protein manufactured in the lab, could be introduced into agriculturally important crops to make them frost-resistant, could be used to limit the growth of ice crystals in frozen foods, or could be employed to prevent frost damage to the tissue of organs being stored for transplant.

UNDERSTANDING SLAVERY

For North Americans the idea of slavery carries powerful and sinister overtones. Historian Ann McDougall worries that those overtones—the legacy of the horrific Atlantic slave trade—might get in the way of understanding the role played by slavery in other cultures. It might even blind those in the "free world" who reflexively condemn "slave societies" to the serious forms of oppression occurring in their own backyards.

McDougall is a University of Alberta history professor whose work has led her to study the history of Islamic slavery. She points out that in different societies and other times slaves have played roles far removed from "our narrow stereotypes." In Islamic history, slaves have served as generals and teachers, and have even stood at the helm of mighty kingdoms.

McDougall specializes in the history of French West Africa and has a particular interest in

Mauritania, which in 1980 was the last country in the world to ban slavery. "Slavery and its legacies are pretty central to how that society continues to function," says MacDougall, who describes herself as a "social and economic" historian—"you have to be both to understand how societies survived."

As a historian, McDougall attempts to approach her studies with an open mind so that she can "get to the inside and work my way out." And she argues that meaningful change to improve the economic and human rights conditions of those suffering from the legacies of past oppression will only come if "we can get past our own preconceptions and issues" and look beyond the agendas of outside groups fighting their own battles. "To the extent that we can, we have to try to understand the issues from the local perspective, and then try to look at the resolutions those right there are suggesting."

ALCOHOL AND PREMATURE BIRTH

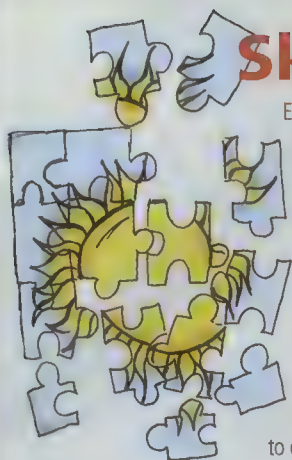
Research done at the Perinatal Research Institute at the University of Alberta has uncovered an interesting link between alcohol consumption and premature birth.

In the course of a study of fetal alcohol syndrome, Jocelyn Cook, a postdoctoral fellow working with the Institute's director, David Olson, made a surprising observation. In her studies with pregnant mice, she noticed that all mice given alcohol on the 16th day of their 19-day pregnancies delivered their young about two days prematurely—equivalent to almost four weeks in a human pregnancy.

The finding is noteworthy because of the confusion caused by conflicting results from previous studies—some showed that alcohol consumption lengthened pregnancy, while others either found that it shortened pregnancy or had no effect. For many years it was widely held that alcohol could help prolong a pregnancy, and in the 1970s and '80s many doctors prescribed alcohol to mothers at risk of giving premature birth.

ARTIFICIAL LAKES CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL WARMING

A U of A research team led by Vincent St. Louis, a faculty member in biological sciences, has identified a surprising new culprit in global warming. St. Louis's group has found that Canada may have serious problems meeting its international commitment to cut greenhouse gas emission because of an unexpected source of carbon dioxide and methane: the artificial lakes created for hydroelectricity, flood control, recreation, and other uses. According to St. Louis and his team, these lakes are pumping out huge amounts of greenhouse gases.



Skin Cancer Puzzle

Exposure to sun has long been identified as the primary factor in the development of the majority of skin cancers. But not everybody who is exposed to the sun develops skin cancer. **Victor Tron**, '80 MD, '82 BMed, the chair of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology at the U of A, believes that a gene known as p53 is at the heart of the puzzle as to why some people develop skin cancer from sun exposure and some do not. "In our studies, we have found mutated p53 in the very earliest stages of skin cancer, says Tron.

Known as a tumour suppressor, p53 is responsible for the body's ability to recognize cells that have been exposed to too much ultraviolet radiation. The gene can direct the repair of DNA or even get rid of damaged cells by killing them. But it can, itself, be damaged by UV radiation, and when it is too damaged to do its work, tumours develop.

Tron says he is confident that p53 is controlling the process that leads to skin cancer, but says it is too early to say whether it does this directly or through a series of steps that involve other molecules.

EYE ON THE FUTURE

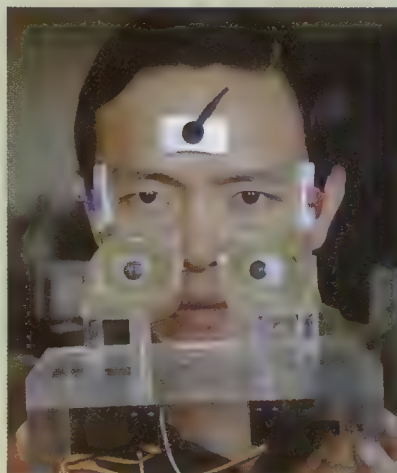
You could say they have their eye on the future: researchers at the University of Alberta have developed a robotic eye capable of mimicking natural eye movement. In the near future—possibly in two or three years—the robotic eye is expected to be available for implantation to give natural movement to prosthetic eyes.

The new robotic eye is the result of collaboration between engineers at the University's Advanced Robotics and Teleoperations Laboratory and a special unit at Edmonton's Misericordia Hospital, where advanced technology is being used to reconstruct the facial features, heads, and necks of cancer and accident victims.

The project arose because of patient dissatisfaction with prosthetic eyes that just stared straight forward. For help in finding an alternative, Dr. John Wolfaardt, the U of A dentistry professor who heads the unit, turned to a cross-campus colleague who had helped in the past, mechanical engineering professor Gary Faulkner.

Recognizing that the project fit the expertise of the Advanced Robotics Laboratory, Faulkner passed it on to the Laboratory's director, Max Meng, who enlisted the aid of one of his PhD students, **Jason Gu**, '00 PhD (shown above).

The engineers' first solution involved sensors mounted on the inside of eyeglasses. These sensors tracked the movement of the patient's natural eye and then sent the data to a tiny processor that caused a fingertip-sized motor in the robotic eye to mimic the motion.



That work has just recently been reported in the journal *Robotics and Autonomous Systems*, but the U of A researchers have already moved on to a second-generation eye that actually intercepts signals coming through the nerve pathway from the brain to give appropriate movement to the prosthetic eye.

"We've shown that we can use the brain signal—we are able to filter it to get the information we need," says Meng. The next challenge, he says, is to get the signal from inside the eye socket.—to date, the signals have been picked up through the skin using electrodes attached near the eye.

At a recent demonstration of the robotic eye, Wolfaardt speculated that someday the eye could be refined to incorporate discoveries being made by researchers now at work to find ways to re-establish vision. "That's a long way into the future," he admitted, "but we think there is tremendous potential."

ASK THE PROFESSOR

Q: Why are barns usually painted red?

Jane Windsor
'92 BFA

A: Barns are complex and expensive to build and are often the centre of the farm activities. Farmers take a lot of pride in their barns and like to show them off—just like urban dwellers like to show off their houses.

Farmers consider a brightly painted barn to be a statement to all the neighbours that the farm is prosperous and well maintained.

The traditional red colour of barns seems to have its origin in the New England states during colonial times, when the thrifty farmers of the area mixed their own paint from readily available materials. Typical ingredients were skim milk, lime, and linseed oil, mixed with inexpensive iron oxide earth pigments. Apparently, this concoction produced a paint that hardened quickly and stood up to the weather well. The iron oxide (rust) in the paint contributed a red colour that over the years became a traditional colour for barns throughout much of North America.

Ron Ball
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Hope

for Zimbabwe's hearing-impaired children

by Cynthia Carels

For the mothers in Zimbabwe who have never been able to say "I love you" to their deaf children, Mary Ann Bibby offers hope.

For the children in Zimbabwe who are labelled "slow" or "delayed" because they can't hear instructions, Bibby offers opportunity.

Bibby, the coordinator of deafness studies in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta, helped found and continues to be the catalyst for a collaborative program providing assistance to hearing-impaired children in Zimbabwe. Not only does she support the efforts of the dedicated teachers of the deaf working with the children year round, she spends as much time as she can each summer working with the children herself.

The roots of the project go back to 1995 when a Vancouver doctor phoned Bibby for assistance with a hearing-health-care project in Africa. With funds from Rotary International, Bibby went to Zimbabwe and was struck by the lack of resources for hearing-impaired programs.

Bibby and friends in Zimbabwe



The school has been dubbed “Nzeve” which means “the ear” in Shona, one of Zimbabwe's three main languages.

“I was shocked. At the United College of Bulawayo, they were trying to train 25 teachers with a handful of relatively outdated textbooks,” she says. “Over the next year, my Rotary Club raised \$32,000 for textbooks, and in 1996 I went back and delivered them all to the teachers at the college and in the schools for the deaf. It was really fun buying the library, but teacher training was just one area that was lacking.”

Bibby says the trip started her thinking about creating a preschool for hearing-impaired children. “Families and teachers were saying there was no intervention for deaf children before they went to school, so there was no program to help them learn language. No one helps them learn to communicate with their parents, and no one helps their parents learn to communicate with them.”

By 1998, the Edmonton Riverview Rotary Club had raised an additional \$42,000, and the Rotary Club of Mutare supplied a room in an old building to house two or three workshops a week. Parents and children would travel up to

five hours by bus for the chance to learn communication skills, including sign language, with Bibby and a team of local experts.

The Swedish Organization for Individual Relief joined the project last year and provided resources for a new building. “But,” Bibby says, “they didn’t stop there. They’ve even built little huts called ‘rondavals’ right beside the school so parents can stay right here and use the language as they would use it at home.” Last January, the preschool moved to its new home in the high density region of Mutare.

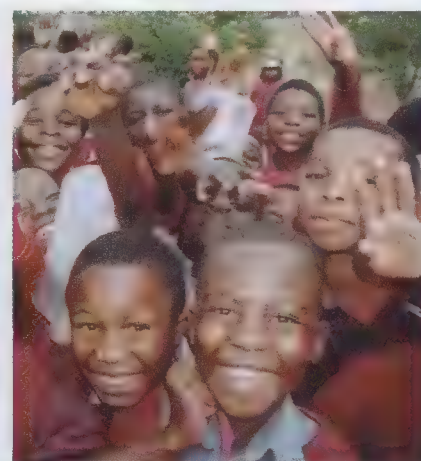
She says the Zimbabwean families are overjoyed with their new skills. “Parents are learning to communicate with their children. Children are reading books with their parents for the first time. I think many of our programs are family-support first.”

More than 50 families have since been referred to the preschool, which now has its own building, one full-time teacher/principal, and two deaf staff members. The school has been dubbed “Nzeve” which means “the ear” in Shona, one of Zimbabwe's three main languages.

Bibby says that although the structure is in place and the school has eager parents and children in attendance and teachers and assistants working on a full-time basis, the key to sustainability will be receiving additional and continuing financial support from donors.

For her efforts, Rotary International has given Bibby the Service Above Self Award, one of just 130 awarded worldwide. In addition, the local chapter honoured her with the Paul Harris Fellowship—a US\$1,000 gift to Rotary International, made in her name.

Bibby credits the University of Alberta's focus on internationalization for enabling her to lead this project. "I could not be doing this without being a prof at the U of A. I take my four-weeks' holidays and go. We're encouraged to do international work so there's plenty of flexibility. As for the expertise I can take to the project in terms of research, the University has allowed that to happen." 🎓






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Outstanding Alumni

University of Alberta alumni continue to bring honour to themselves and their alma mater in a multitude of ways—through leadership in their professions, business and government, advances in science and medicine, accomplishments in athletics and the arts, and service to the global and local communities. This year the Alumni Association is pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of 30 graduates of the University of Alberta through the Association's Alumni Awards program.

Each year the Alumni Association recognizes truly exceptional University of Alberta graduates through the presentation of its Distinguished Alumni Awards and the induction of the recipients to the Alumni Wall of Recognition, located in the Students' Union Building's Alumni Lounge. The year 2000 marks the expansion of the Alumni Awards program. Three new awards have been introduced. One recognizes specific accomplishments in the past year, another draws attention to alumni making their marks early in their careers, and another recognizes worthy contributions made by alumni over a number of years.

Presentation of the Alumni Awards for the year 2000 and the induction of the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients to the Alumni Wall of Recognition took place at the Myer Horowitz Theatre on campus on 14 September, as the kickoff to Reunion 2000. More than 500 people were in attendance.

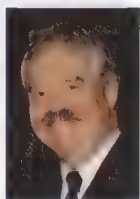
Alumni Honour Award



Dennis Bedard, '76 BSc, '78 DDS, who went on to complete a specialty in pediatric dentistry, has devoted countless hours to the dental health of less fortunate people in Alberta, as well as in Guatemala. Most recently, he has been involved in a volunteer project in the Philippines.



Joseph Leonard Cloutier, '87 BEd, '90MEd, '97 PhD, has devoted his life to developing programs for disadvantaged youth. Once a high-school dropout himself, he is the founder of Edmonton's Inner City High.



Ralph Anderson Farvolden, '67 BA, has provided longtime leadership to the accounting profession. He has written several publications; and developed practices and procedures aimed at constantly improving the services delivered by chartered accountants.



Buckley Godwin, '54 BSc(Ag), '64 BEd, combined his two loves, teaching and commercial horticulture to develop the dried ornamental and cut flower industry in Alberta. He has received numerous awards and speaking invitations from across North America.

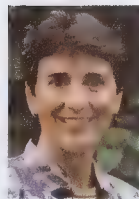


Brian Hesje, '69 BEd, '73 MBA, president and CEO of Fountain Tire since 1991, has shown dedication to his profession while building this successful business. His leadership and commitment have resulted in increased sales and the expansion of the company across Western Canada.



Cecilia Johnstone, '73 BA, '74 LLB, has assumed leadership roles within the legal profession at provincial, national, and international levels. As a justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta she has shown dedication to the principle of equality for all before the law.

The Alumni Recognition Awards recognize the significant contributions made over a number of years by University of Alberta alumni in their local communities and beyond. The awards are conferred for community service, service to humanity, contributions to a profession, contributions to the advancement of knowledge, or service to the University.



Louanne Keenan, '75 Dip(DentHyg), '81 BA, '95 MEd, has used her talents and background in education to promote health in communities in remote areas of Honduras and Guatemala. She has also worked with the National Committee of Oral Health in China on a pilot project for water fluoridation.



Philip Lachambre, '76 BCom, is executive vice-president and chief financial officer at Syncrude. He has been instrumental in managing the effects of major oilsands industry expansion with the goal of orderly and responsible growth with regard to environmental concerns.



Patrick Lee, '70 BSc, '78 PhD, a cancer researcher at the University of Calgary, has made landmark discoveries that may result in a whole new area of cancer treatment. He has gained international attention and is a highly sought after speaker at national and international conferences.



Mary Lobay, '63 BEd, '66 MEd, '92 LLD (Honorary), has been involved in education as a teacher, administrator, and volunteer for most of her life. A member of the Order of Canada, she has made exceptional contributions to the community in a wide variety of areas.



William Stephen, '54 BCom, has shown leadership and service to the chartered accounting profession throughout his career and into his retirement. Very active in student education programs, he has served on committees to continually improve the study and teaching of accounting across Canada.



Elizabeth Webster, '80 BSc(Speech), has provided leadership to the profession of speech pathology. Her skill and dedication were largely responsible for the considerable success of a special, limited-time master's program offered to speech-language practitioners by the University of Alberta.

Alumni Horizon Award



DocSpace Alumni: (clockwise from the back left) Evan Chrapko, Shane Chrapko, Val Pappes, Carmen deAntoni, and Byron Cassey.

DocSpace Alumni:

Through hard work, dedication, and a good deal of personal sacrifice, the Chrapko brothers — **Evan Chrapko**, '88 BCom, and **Shane Chrapko**, '90 BSc(Ag)— and their friend and partner **Val Pappes**, '90 BCom, took a good idea and transformed it into a huge e-business success story. Founded in 1997, DocSpace was the first Internet company to offer completely Web-based, digital-certificate-level file delivery and storage systems. For its many customers, including many Fortune 500 firms, it provided a total Web environment in which they could collaborate on files safely and privately in cyberspace. DocSpace, which was sold earlier this year for more than \$500 million, was truly a U of A success story. Among the contributors to the company's success were **Carmen deAntoni**, '90 BCom, **Byron Cassey**, '92 BCom, and **Norm Gretzinger**, '91 BCom.

The Alumni Horizon Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of University of Alberta alumni early in their careers (within 12 years of receiving a bachelor's degree or within 10 years of receiving an advanced degree).

Malachy Carroll, '94 MSc, has worked for Syncrude since 1994, earning early promotion from the company's Graduate Development program in recognition of his outstanding work. In 1998 he was transferred to the company's mining operations in Fort McMurray and was recently assigned the responsibility for the acceptance, commissioning, and startup of a large portion of the mining equipment for Syncrude's Aurora mine—normally such responsibilities are only given to engineers with significant experience.



Tatia Mei Chun Lee, '92 MEd, '95 PhD, has been teaching in the Clinical Psychology Program at the University of Hong Kong since 1996. As the program's chief examiner and the coordinator of the Psychological Services Unit, she has been successful in introducing a more-innovative and integrative curriculum to enhance the scientific and professional development of clinical psychology in Hong Kong.



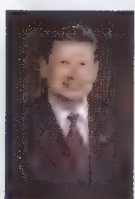
Robert Noce, '91 LLB, began his legal career at the Edmonton law firm Duncan Craig. After three successful years as a lawyer, he actively entered politics, running in an Edmonton by-election in January 1994. He finished second and decided to continue his passion for politics. In 1995, at age 28, he became one of the youngest councillors ever to be elected in the City of Edmonton. Three years later, he again won election as city councillor for Edmonton's Ward 3. Along the way, he has become known for his keen problem-solving skills and an ability to bring people together.



Alumni Awards of Excellence



Edward B. Allan, '51 BCom, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta in 1999. Now retired from the firm Peat Marwick, he served a full term as a member of the Council and is a former secretary of the Institute. Ted's long record of community service includes contributions to the University as a member of the Board of Governors, and he is a former president of Edmonton's Kiwanis Music Festival.



Julius Buski, '66 BEd, who served as executive secretary of the Alberta Teachers' Association from 1988 until his retirement last year, recently received the Canadian Teachers' Federation Special Recognition Award for his contributions to education provincially, as well as at the national and international levels. He is known for his cooperative and positive spirit and has been asked many times to represent the Canadian Teachers' Federation at international forums.



William D. Grace, '56 BA, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta in 1999. A former senior executive and chief financial officer at a number of major Alberta corporations—including Chieftain Development Co., R, Angus (Alberta) Ltd, and Canadian Utilities Ltd.—he retired as managing partner of the Edmonton Office of Price Waterhouse in 1994. A former president of the Edmonton Opera Association, he has served as vice-chair of the Capital Health Authority and of the U of A Board of Governors.



Beverley McLachlin, '65 BA, '68 MA, '68 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary), was named chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada in 1999. She is the first woman to be appointed to that position. The winner of the highest graduation honour of the University of Alberta law school, she has distinguished herself as a leading thinker on Canada's Supreme Court since her appointment to the Court in 1989. In 1994 she was one of the original inductees to the University of Alberta's Alumni Wall of Recognition.



Jack Mintz, '73 BA, was appointed president and chief executive officer of the C.D. Howe Institute in September 1999. Previously the Arthur Anderson Professor of Taxation at the University of Toronto, he is recognized as Canada's pre-eminent economist. In 1996, he was appointed by Canadian finance minister Paul Martin to chair the federal government's technical committee on business taxation. In 1998 he was a visiting scholar with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C.

The Alumni Awards of Excellence recognize specific accomplishments of University of Alberta graduates in the 12 months (approximately) prior to the nomination deadline. The accomplishments may take the form of national or international honours, major championships, election or appointment to high office, etc.



Nationally known for his distinguished career as an actor and director, Walter Kaasa has made a tremendous contribution to the development of the arts and culture infrastructure in Alberta.

Walter Kaasa

'51 BEd, '93 DLitt (Honorary)

As an actor, director, and narrator, Walter Kaasa has enriched the lives of Edmontonians, Albertans, and Canadians. He has also had a profound influence on arts and culture in Alberta through his contributions as a high-ranking arts and culture administrator. In 1956

Mr. Kaasa was appointed coordinator of cultural activities for Alberta's Department of Economic Affairs—at the time, one of just three staff members in the branch. He was later named Alberta's director of recreation and cultural development, a post he held until 1973. At that time, both areas achieved departmental status and he was named assistant deputy minister of cultural development. When he retired from that position in 1982, the Department of Culture had a staff of more than 300.

Mr. Kaasa, who remains active as president of his own speech academy, has received many honours, including an honorary degree from the U of A, the Banff Centre of Fine Arts National Award, and appointment to the Order of Canada. The Kaasa Theatre in Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium is named in his honour.

Thomas Walsh

'49 BA, '53 LLB, '89 LLD (Honorary)

The contributions that Tom Walsh has made to the City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta, and to Canada have been immense. Calgary's "White Hatter of the Year" in 1975, he has long been a dedicated volunteer to a myriad of organizations. The founding chairman of Parks Foundation Calgary, he is a former president of the Canadian Bar Association, a former president of the Rotary Club of Calgary, and a former chairman of the National Executive Committee of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Despite the demands of his successful law practice and his extensive involvement in his local community, Mr. Walsh has remained a committed supporter of the University of Alberta, serving as an elected member of the University's Senate from 1982 until 1988.

For his accomplishments and contributions, Mr. Walsh has received numerous awards and honours. These include the Premier's Award (Service), an honorary doctorate from the University of Alberta, the Distinguished Service Award from the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association in 1998, and the Order of Canada in 1995.



Gold photography

Calgary lawyer Thomas Walsh has contributed enormously to the quality of life in his community and has served both his profession and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at the national level.



Throughout his unparalleled history of contributions to the Canadian public service, Arthur Kroeger has steadfastly remained in touch with his roots in Western Canada.

Arthur Kroeger
'55 BA

When Arthur Kroeger retired from the federal public service in 1992, he was regarded as Canada's "dean of deputy ministers," having served as the administrative head of six different federal government departments. Once described by the *Financial Post* as "an Ottawa rarity—a Westerner who rose to the top as a federal civil servant without losing touch with the folks back home," Mr. Kroeger tackled many thorny problems during his 34-year civil service career, including the replacement of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement with modern grain transportation legislation. Shortly before his retirement, he was given the challenge of organizing a series of regional conferences on the Constitution of Canada.

Since 1993 Mr. Kroeger has served with great energy and dedication as chancellor of Ottawa's Carleton University, where the Kroeger College of Public Affairs is named for him. He is a Companion of the Order of Canada, having originally been appointed to the Order as an Officer in 1989, the same year he received the Public Service Outstanding Achievement Award.

Barbara Paterson
'57 Dip(Arts), '88 BFA

On 18 October 1999 the Governor General of Canada unveiled in Calgary a sculpture honouring the "Famous Five"—the remarkable women behind the famous "Persons Case" of 1929, which was a landmark in legal rights for women. The sculptor of the monument was another remarkable Canadian woman, Barbara Paterson, who was chosen for the commission as a result of a national competition. As the winner, Ms. Paterson was commissioned to produce two monuments—one for Calgary; the other, to be unveiled a year later, for Ottawa. With the installation of her Ottawa monument, Ms. Paterson has the honour of creating the first permanent Parliament Hill display memorializing women other than royalty.

An artist of national stature and an active member of the board of directors of the Alberta Society of Artists, Ms. Paterson is known for her insightful depiction of the uniqueness of human experience. Her works have been exhibited internationally in locations as distant as Bulgaria and Singapore.



Bray / Edmontonians

An artist with a growing national and international reputation, Barbara Paterson is best known for her "Famous Five" monuments, commissioned for Calgary and Ottawa to celebrate an important milestone in the women's rights movement.

Alumni Wall of Recognition

Inducted 22 March 1994

Doris Anderson
'45 BA, '73 LLD (Honorary)

Joseph Charyk
'42 BSc(Eng), '64 LLD
(Honorary)

C. Joseph Clark
'60 BA, '73 MA, '85 LLD
(Honorary)

Naomi Hersom
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Helen Huston
'49 BSc, '51 MD, '85 LLD
(Honorary)

Raymond Lemieux
'43 BSc, '91 LLD (Honorary)

Peter Loughheed
'51 BA, '52 LLB, '86 LLD
(Honorary)

Beverley McLachlin
'65 BA, '68 MA, '68 LLB, '91
LLD (Honorary)

David McLean
'59 BA, '62 LLB, '94 LLD
(Honorary)

Gerald Maier
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'53 BPE

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Richard Taylor
'50 BSc, '52 MSc, '91 LLD
(Honorary)

Francis Winspear
'51 LLD (Honorary)

Ovid Wong
'70 BSc, '71 Dip(Ed)

Inducted 15 February 1995

Marjorie Bowker
'38 BA, '39 LLB, '91 LLD
(Honorary)

Patrick Doyle
'47 BSc, '49 MD

John Hagan
'71 MA, '74 PhD

Jay D. Hair
'75 PhD

Egerton King
'43 BSc(Eng), '88 DSc (Honorary)

Roland Michener
'20 BA, '67 LLD (Honorary)

John Poole
'37 BSc(Eng), '87 LLD
(Honorary)

Joseph Shoctor
'45 BA, '46 LLB, '81 LLD
(Honorary)

Inducted 3 October 1996

Catherine A. Fraser
'69 BA, '70 LLB

Jay Ingram
'67 BSc

Ernest McCoy
'47 BSc '49 MD

Tevie Miller
'49 BA, '50 LLB, '91 LLD
(Honorary)

W.O. Mitchell
'43 BA, '75 LLD (Honorary)

Robert Stollery
'49 BSc(Eng), '85 LLD
(Honorary)

Malcolm Urquhart '40 BA

Anne Wheeler
'67 BSc, '90 LLD (Honorary)

Inducted 2 October 1997

Lila Enberg
'49 BSc(HEc)

Richard Haskayne
'56 BCom, '96 LLD (Honorary)

Stephen Ramsankar
'61 BSc, '63 BEd, '89 LLD
(Honorary)

Christopher Somerville
'74 BSc, '76 MSc, '78 PhD, '97
DSc (Honorary)

Inducted 1 October 1998

Katherine Govier
'70 BA

Anatol Roshko
'45 BSc(Eng)

George Stanley
'29 BA, '71 LLD (Honorary)

Don Tapscott
'78 MEd

Inducted 30 September 1999

Clare Drake
'58 BEd, '95 LLD (Honorary)

Eric Geddes
'47 BCom, '80 LLD (Honorary)

J. Wilton Littlechild
'67 BPE, '75 MA, '76 LLB

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'69 BPE, '71 MSc

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University of Alberta Alumni Association



The Yangtze cleanup

A childhood friendship leads the University to help make a difference



When Sam Chao returned to the land of his birth as a passenger on a Yangtze River cruise, he saw beyond the spectacular canyons and gorges, the great cliffs and the cultural treasures. He saw a river turbid and dirty, silt-laden and saddened.

Chao made a silent vow: he was only one person, but he would do all that he could to make a difference. There and then he dedicated himself to finding a way to restore the river to the sparkling clear waterway he had known as a child, a river supporting abundant plant and animal life, a river whose beauty had been the subject of poets and painters since time immemorial.

Returning to his Los Angeles home, Chao thought about what he could do and who could help him. After discussing his vision with his wife and receiving her support, he called one of his oldest friends.

Out of that phone call has evolved the Ecological Conservancy Outreach Fund based at the University of Alberta and managed through a trust account administered by the Office of the President. The sole purpose of the fund is the support of Chao's vision. Every dollar donated to it will be spent on the restoration of the Yangtze.

The co-founder (with Chao) of the Fund—the friend to whom Chao placed his phone call—is Larry Wang, a U of A professor of biological sciences who also serves as an advisor on international affairs to the University's president, Rod Fraser.

Wang and Chao share the bonds of a common history.

Both were born in Chongqing in China's Szechuan Province, both grew up in Taiwan after their families moved there as followers of Chiang Kai-Shek, and both attended the same elementary school. When they entered junior high school,

one tosses a brick into a collection basket for a righteous cause, jade—representing wealth—will soon follow to support the cause. The “brick” his friend was prepared to toss in was nothing less than his entire life savings. A successful engineer whose children had graduated from university and were well on their way to making their own way in life, Chao was prepared to contribute US\$1 million to restoring the river to something

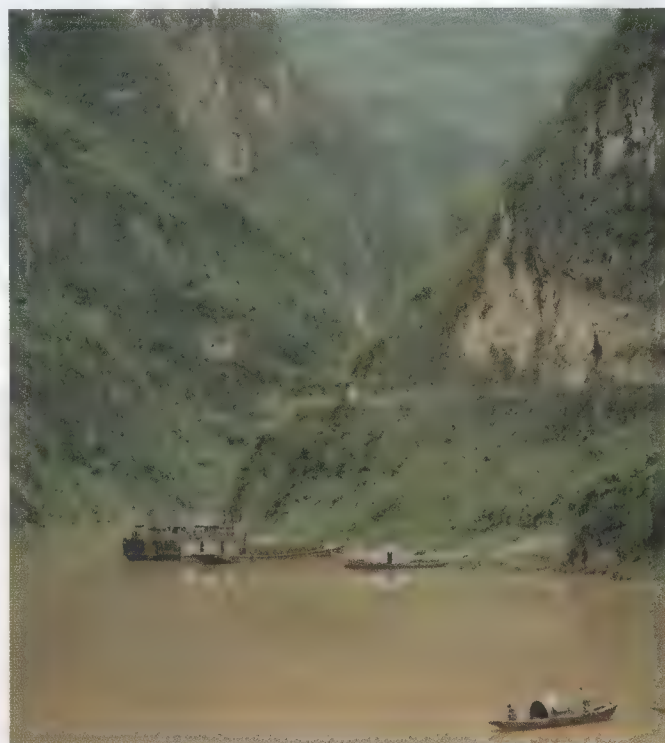
background and connections, could help.

Wang assured his friend that the University of Alberta had the necessary expertise in soil conservation, forestry management, and rural economic development to put his vision into action, and in short order he had secured the full support of a dozen or more of his colleagues from across campus. He also gained the enthusiastic support of President Rod Fraser, who was happy to take the project under the wing of his office.

The U of A president says the project is not only well suited to the University's capabilities but is a good fit for the role it sees for itself. “As a research intensive university with an international vision, we are committed to extend the impact of our knowledge and mind-power around the globe. By bringing together the right partners, we are able to not only improve the well-being of the Yangtze tributary system, but also to ensure the sustainable well-being of the people who will tend to it. A project like this is so much more than environmental responsibility—it is economic; it is social.”

The main culprit in the deteriorating water quality of the Yangtze is the intense cultivation that has taken place on the steep slopes that border the river and its tributaries. Where there were once vast forests that could absorb huge quantities of monsoon rain, there are now terraced fields from which rainwater pours into the river, taking with it huge amounts of topsoil.

Restoring the Yangtze calls for enormous efforts at reforestation, says Wang. The plan of action worked out for the ECO Fund involves identifying critical sites for reforestation and then working with local governments and farmers to find suitable solutions. “We have to be aware of the social



Cultivation on the steep slopes feeding China's Yantze River and its tributaries has left the river turbid and dirty. The river is shown here flowing through a rugged stretch of Szechcan Province.

both were chosen to be a part of an experimental program that placed a cohort of the brightest children together for the remainder of their grade-school years. Although they parted when they entered different universities, Wang and Chao have remained close over the years.

When Wang received Chao's phone call, he was amazed at the latter's commitment. There is a Chinese proverb, explains Wang, that says if

approaching its former grandeur.

“I was totally stunned,” recalls Wang. Inspired by his friend's selflessness, he quickly agreed to help. Chao was looking to Wang for assistance because he didn't want to simply turn his money over to some large development fund. He wanted to know what his money was doing and to have confidence that it was being used wisely. He hoped that Wang, with his academic

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conditions,” explains Wang. “The local farmers depend on this land for their livelihood. Through sustainable forestry, we have to provide them a viable alternative to farming.”

Although the ECO Fund was not formally launched until October 2000, two projects are already underway. Both are being done in collaboration with local agencies and both are based in China’s rugged Yunnan Province, close to the river’s source in the Qinhai highlands. Wang admits that, for sentimental reasons, he and Chao would have found it appealing to support projects in Szechuan, the province of their birth, but 50 per cent of the silt found in the river when it reaches the Three Gorges area downstream has already entered the river before it reaches Chongqing.

Fortunately, one of Wang’s U of A colleagues, chemical and materials engineering professor Ming Rao, has extensive connections in Yunnan and was able to provide introductions to some of the provincial leaders, who proved extremely receptive to Chao’s vision. (In fact, the central Chinese government, motivated by the devastating annual floods resulting from heavy rainfall flowing unchecked into the river, had already issued a directive that all slopes steeper than 25 degrees were to be returned to forest.)

One of the ECO Fund’s inaugural projects is being launched in a remote area of Yunnan Province in collaboration with the Yunnan department of forestry. In this out-of-the-way corner of China, farmers eke out a meagre living (the average annual per-capita income is only about \$80) growing rice and other crops on the mountain slopes above a tributary of the Golden Sand River—the name the Yangtze bears for the first part of its journey to

the China Sea. These same slopes once nourished impressive bamboo forests, and the plan is to return 280 hectares of land to bamboo, a tree that provides an economic return to the landowners, who are able to harvest and sell bamboo shoots. In addition, a mountainous area of about 340 hectares will be completely closed to human activities.

The ECO Fund has committed US\$250,000 to the project and the Yunnan government and local enterprises are providing funding totalling US\$125,000, on a matching basis—a dollar for every two dollars the Fund spends.

In another part of Yunnan, closer to the Golden Sand River itself, the Fund is collaborating with the Chinese Academy of Forestry to plant 333 acres of new forest, which will include a variety of economically important species, such as walnuts, fruit trees, and medicinally important species. The US\$250,000 the ECO Fund

is prepared to commit for this project is being matched dollar-for-dollar by the Forestry Academy.

The U of A has a great role to play in both projects says Wang—everything from providing expertise in tissue-culture techniques and forest genetics to using remote sensing to monitor the land use changes taking place. Wang is particularly keen on getting University of Alberta graduate students involved. “Applied research on the Yangtze River represents a prime opportunity for a broad-based international education,” he says.

The two projects now underway are only the beginning. A major proposal to the Canadian International Development Agency is in the works and a list of critical sites in Yunnan where soil erosion is severe and recurring is being compiled. A fundraising initiative is also being launched.

However, even before the official launch of the fundraising campaign, Chao’s

“brick” had begun to attract jade. In addition to the matching funding coming from the Chinese agencies with whom the ECO Fund initiative has struck a chord, like-minded individuals have already stepped forward—one early donor pledged US\$110,000, another committed US\$350,000.

Wang is hopeful that when the fundraising begins in earnest more donations from overseas Chinese will be forthcoming. “This is a movement that transcends geographic and political boundaries,” he says. “It is an opportunity to restore the ecological balance of this part of the world and help millions and millions of people who live along the Yangtze River.” And, he adds, it is an opportunity for the University of Alberta to do something special. “It’s our opportunity to take a leadership role and show universities around the world that we can make a difference.”

New unit aims to help women



A new research unit, the first of its kind in Canada, has been opened at the University of Alberta.

The Women’s Health Research Unit, housed in the Clinical Sciences Building on Campus, was shown off to the news media in Edmonton and area in mid-November by its founder, U of A nursing professor **Kathleen Hegadoren**, ’87 BSc(Nu), ’91 MSc, ’95 PhD.

An expert in the study of depression in women, Hegadoren says the new unit is already supporting research on topics varying from effects of stress on female biology, to the study of amino acid levels in women in response to specific diets, and the differences between male responses to antidepressants and that of females.

“Men and women are fundamentally different,” says Hegadoren. “And yet, for example, most research done on lab mice and rats is done on males, and, of course, the results can be much different in females. We need more

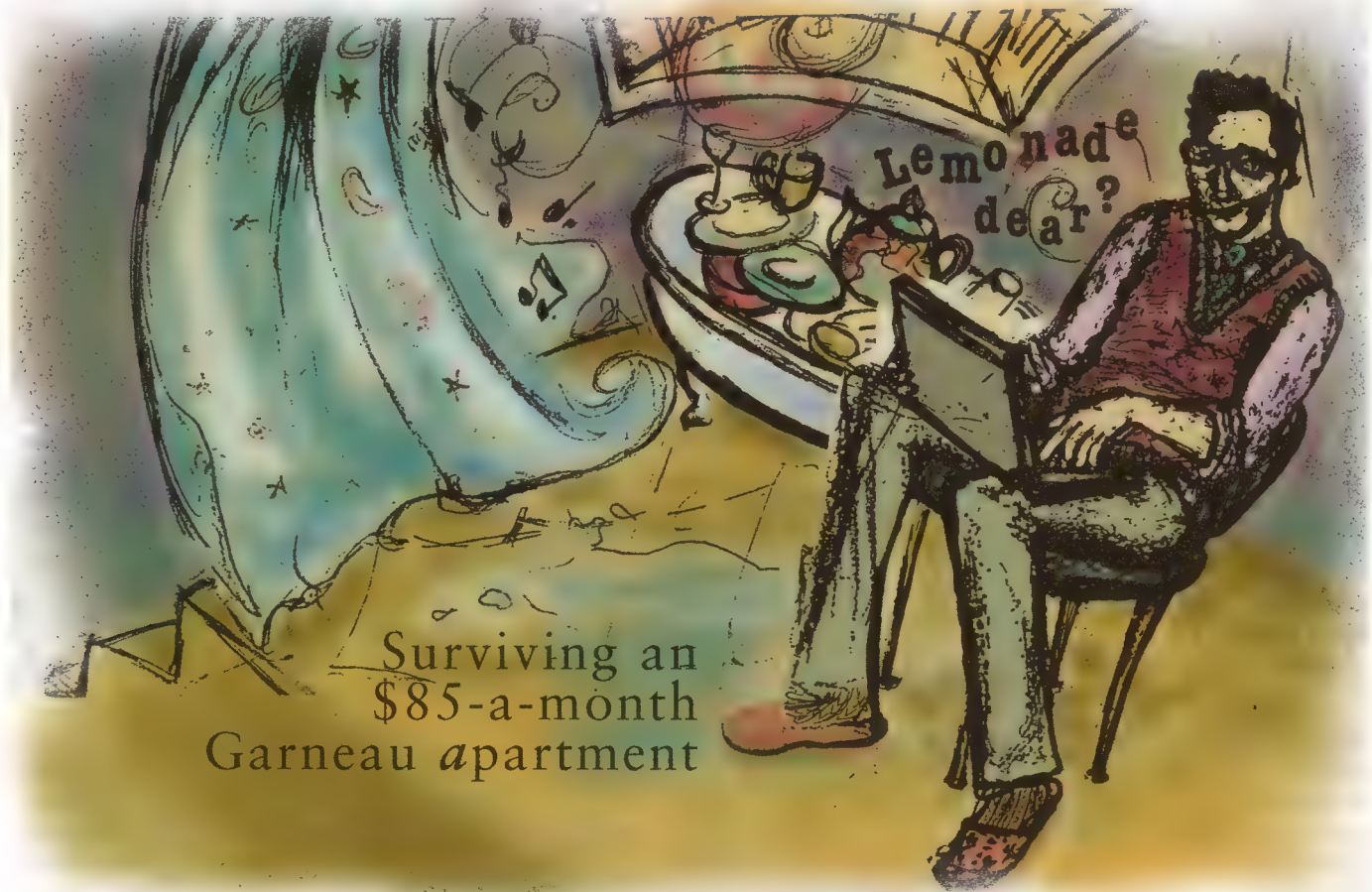
testing on women so we can be sure drugs are just as effective and safe for women as they are for men.”

The new research unit is designed so women can be monitored and interviewed in an environment that is as low-stress as possible. It includes a room where all biological functions can be monitored while a research participant sits in a comfortable chair and watches television or listens to music. “Sometimes our monitoring can take many hours, so we want to create a place where women can come and relax,” says Hegadoren.

Hegadoren, who brings a unique combined background in nursing and basic neuroscience to her research, says the unit is set up to conduct both basic and clinical research. “We will do intervention studies and use basic research to find practical applications with the goal of passing our results on to help as many women as possible,” she says.



an abundance of atmosphere -



by Charles Crockford, '62 BA

a house is not a home. And when your wife and you are newly married university students, your home is probably not a house, either.

In our case, our first home was half a house—the top floor of an old house in the Garneau district (Garneau obviously being the French word for, “I didn’t know you could get that many students into one room!”) Our apartment was furnished, had two balconies, and rented for \$85 a month—what more could Arline and I have asked for almost 40 years ago?

What more? A lot, as it turned out. You’ve heard the expression, “Everything but the kitchen sink,” for us, “sink” was a four-letter word, since we washed our dishes in a dishpan filled from the bathtub tap. And every apartment has a door, right? Wrong!

Our apartment’s lack of a door probably made our guests feel quite welcome, but apart from making us somewhat paranoid, it did nothing for Arline and me. Arline put a curtain across the opening at the top of the stairs, but while this gave us a feeling of privacy it did not stop noise from coming up from downstairs—or vice versa. I can still remember writing a term paper while listening to *The Ed Sullivan Show*—and we didn’t have a television set. And one evening I heard a very loud, very disgusting burp. Arline immediately called out, “Chuck, really!” “It wasn’t me,” I replied loudly and ungrammatically. “Wasn’t that you?” When Arline denied being the guilty party, I realized the burp had come from downstairs—I wonder what our landlord thought about our commenting on his manners?

archie, our landlord, was a real character (read frugal). The house was heated by a hot-water system. Archie had decided the system was wasting water, so he had disconnected the automatic water feed, which meant that periodically he would have to run water into the reservoir. This worked—except for the time he fell asleep while waiting for the reservoir to fill up. We did not know this had happened until I got up from my desk to get a book, and discovered that rather than going ‘flop, flop, flop,’ my slippers were going ‘squish, squish, squish.’ The system had been filled to the point where water was being forced out the loose joints, of which we seemed to have had more than our share. As Arline and I were mopping up, I can remember thinking, no sink, no door, but almost a swimming pool.

Our landlord was quite adept at salvaging material from his place of work and using it in the house. As a result, his bedroom had a very rustic appearance—not because he had planned it that way, but because the bedroom was finished in plywood, a very thin plywood that Archie had salvaged from packing cases he had brought home from work. How atmospheric—we had no door and not kitchen sink, and our landlord and his wife were sleeping in packing cases.

Our landlady was also a character. Her name was Dorothy, but Archie called her Dot—although the dear lady was anything but! Two or three times a week, Dot would sit down to play the piano. She would practice for 10 or 15 minutes—10 or 15 minutes that seemed like hours, since at times the notes seemed to have been chosen by chance, and all the tunes were played at the same temp and volume (loud!). Such musical interludes made studying difficult, but we did learn to appreciate a properly played rendition of Oh Canada.

Our landlady was also partial to plants—at least to the one that was on the post at the bottom of the stairs to our apartment. We named this plant, The Octopus, since it had stems shooting out in all directions—perhaps Dot thought this plant was an herbaceous watchdog that took the place of a door.

As if all this weren't atmospheric enough, to make up for the missing sink and door, we had not one, but two porches. Unfortunately, both were completely open, so we called the front balcony, the Patriotic Porch, since we turned red, white, and blue if we tried to use it any time except during the summer. And the back porch could not be used at all, because its metal floor sloped down at a rather alarming pitch, and the railings around it could be wiggled with your hands. Since sliding off houses was not one of our favorite sports, we ignored this porch entirely, and concentrated on blocking out the arctic gale that blew

in around the porch's door in the winter (saying we had, "The coolest kitchen in Edmonton," was not a compliment.)

If we wanted to enjoy a tall, cool one on our front balcony on a warm summer evening, we had to remember that the apartment fell under a no-liquor-allowed rule that covered the entire house, including the two students who boarded there. (Two former borders had once made the mistake of passing a "twenty-six" through a basement window into their bedroom, but



The Crockfords at Charles' graduation

what the outside student had taken to be his roommate's hand was Archie's, proving again that booze and bedrooms don't mix.) We obeyed the rule by being as discreet as possible when we were imbibing—which was particularly difficult the first summer we were in the apartment, since I had managed to get a job with—you guessed it—the Alberta Liquor Control Board. I felt I should try the products I was selling at the liquor store—for my customers' benefit, of course—so I took my lunch in a large paper bag that, quite by coincidence, was just big enough to hold my thermos and a bottle of wine when I returned from work. Since we suspected our landlord could hear every word we said we called the wine, lemonade. From the number of glasses of lemonade we had and from what we

said about it, Archie must have thought we were lemonade connoisseurs who were doing their part to keep California citrus growers in business! (I am sure our landlord suspected we did indulge occasionally—after all, the ALCB on my workshirt didn't stand for Arline's Little Chore Boy.)

And what else contributed to our apartment's atmosphere? Would you believe ... the electrical wiring? One afternoon Archie came to the top of the stairs and called to me (he couldn't have knocked on the curtain). He told me we shouldn't use any electrical appliances, and when I asked why, he took me downstairs and showed me the fuse box (which, believe it or not, was located in his daughter's bedroom). He didn't have to tell me what the problem was, since the box's door was open, and I could see that the main wire in the fuse box was glowing bright red. A few hours later an electrician arrived (the electrician from the place where Archie worked, of course), and Archie brought him upstairs to show him the wiring in our apartment. The wire to the only outlet in the living room was a braided wire that went up the side of the wall in the hallway. When the electrician saw it he was quite concerned—until Archie told him it was the wire from an extension phone that used to be upstairs. (We didn't have our own phone; perhaps because a separate phone might have aroused suspicions that the house contained an illegal suite, our phone was an extension of our landlord's phone. The electrician had asked Archie why there was a stove and a fridge on the second floor of his house, and Archie had told him that Dot had relatives who liked to visit for a week or two, and with a stove and fridge they could do their own cooking.) Our callers would dial, let the phone ring twice, then hang up and dial again, except for the rare occasions when Dot's friends thought they had misdialled and hung up after two rings, this procedure worked quite well—and it did save us money.

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Hell” in the basement.*

I should explain that Archie and Dot weren't mean, nasty people. They were really very nice, and we got along quite well with them. One afternoon Dot called up to us to say that they were going out, and to ask if we could look after a roast she had in the oven. We said that would be no problem, and one hour later I went downstairs to see how the roast was doing. The roast was fine, but I was amazed (looking back, perhaps I shouldn't have been) to discover that the spring on the oven door was broken, and that the door was held shut with a stick that was wedged between the door and the wall; furthermore, the end of the stick was charred, suggesting it had been burned down to the right size. But I did like Dot's oven; hers had a temperature control—ours didn't.

In any case, we must have handled the 'roast request' to Dot's satisfaction, because a few weeks later Archie asked me if I would look after the furnace,

since they were going away for a few days. Naturally, I agreed. (The idea of being found frozen to my psychology text did not appeal to me, so I was shown how to light the furnace.) After 40 years the exact procedure escapes me, but I recall it involved rolling up a newspaper—the Journal, not Gateway—lighting the paper with a match, turning on the gas, thrusting the burning paper into the furnace, and trying not to be scared out of my wits when the “Fires of Hell” suddenly erupted in front of you.

So that was our home 40 years ago—an illegal apartment with no front door, no kitchen sink, a porch with a ski slope for a floor, and the “Fires of Hell” in the basement. But we couldn't complain. After all, other young couples might have lived in rented apartments, but for \$85 a month we didn't have just an apartment—we had atmosphere! 🍷

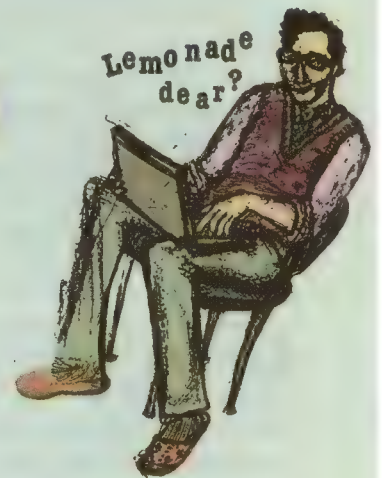
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TRAILS



Award-winning Edmonton artist, Adeline Rockett, '74 MEd, captures the spirit and the beauty of the Prairie heartland with her watercolour artwork, "The Family Farm—For Our Children," which was the National Purchase Award winner of the Millennium Conservation Art Program's competition and exhibit entitled "For Love of the Land."

REFLECTIONS

As I look back over the past few months, I am impressed by the connection the University of Alberta has made to both the University community and the community at large.



Four bright, sunny days in September, welcomed back more than 1,000 graduates to a tremendously successful Reunion Weekend. The campus was alive with green and gold, and old friendships and acquaintances were renewed. I personally enjoyed meeting many interesting and enthusiastic alumni who had returned to campus to reconnect with their University. A lot of hard work by the Office of Alumni Affairs resulted in many wonderful events. A special garden party hosted by the University to recognize the completion of a successful fundraising campaign capped off the weekend.

The University's Annual General Meeting took place in early October. Held on the "other side of the river" at the Shaw Conference Centre, this event brings the University to the city it calls home. This is an excellent way to ensure the public is exposed to the treasures of the U of A.

Connection to the community is the lifeblood of the University of Alberta. The University is not just an educational institution for students. It is a world-class research centre and a workplace for thousands of employees. It is a significant economic driver of both the Edmonton and Alberta economies. Supporting the University means not only supporting students on their quest for knowledge but also sustaining technological growth, medical research, philosophical understanding, and a community within.

Your connection to the University carries on throughout life—not just your life or the lives of your classmates but the lives of the people who make up the University of Alberta today and tomorrow. Keep that connection alive.

Best wishes for a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

D. Bruce Bentley, '80 BCom
Alumni Association President

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

Through the leadership of **Frank Van Gyn**, '75 DDS, and **Herb McLeod**, '75 DDS, the class of 1975 Dentistry was able to donate a \$10,000 class gift to the Dental Alumni Association Endowments for Scholarships and Bursaries.



Although Frank (left), runs a busy practice in Victoria, he has managed to find time to fulfill his role as class representative every year for the past 25 years. He regularly sends out an annual class letter and organizes numerous opportunities for the group to get together for reunions.

Also busy, Herb (right) practises in Edmonton as a periodontist and teaches part-time in the U of A's Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.



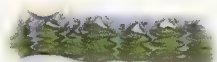
For their 25th Anniversary, Herb assisted Frank with planning the event and they worked together to collect funds for dental scholarships and bursaries.

These two dedicated volunteers were successful in raising funds for student scholarships because their classmates perceived a need to support students and because the class has remained in such close contact over the years.

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Thanks to alumni

The Alumni Association wants to thank alumni who have taken advantage of the new University of Alberta Affinity MasterCard through MBNA Canada. Support of this program helps fund the many activities of the Alumni Association, including student scholarships, reunions, international branches and constituency groups, and the Alumni Association's new free online community, says **Winston Pei**, '94 BA, alumni services coordinator.

For those alumni in Canada who have not yet applied for the card, information will be mailed out in December. "We also plan on contacting alumni by phone early in 2001 to make applying for the card as easy as possible," says Pei. Applications can also be downloaded from the Web site <http://www.ualberta.ca/alumni>.

As always, the Alumni Association considers the privacy of graduates to be of the utmost importance. Alumni

with any concerns about their personal records or who would like to limit the type of mail or phone calls they receive, are asked to contact the Alumni Office.

Nursing Alumni Association launches new initiatives

The Nursing Alumni Association has launched a number of successful new initiatives to reach out to its alumni and students. Bolstered by the energy from a new committee, the "Alumni Team" hosted a successful breakfast for 145 alumni at Reunion 2000. In addition to this event, the group is working on developing a communication network among nursing alumni.

Currently, the Alumni Team is in the process of recruiting decade leaders and class leaders to maintain ongoing contact with nursing grads and to obtain stories and input from alumni to

include in the Faculty's *Focus* newsletter.

According to Nursing Alumni Association President, **Nicole Brost**, '92 BSc(Nu), "We are really excited by the response from nursing grads. Alumni are interested in our new plans and want to become involved as class representatives." Regarding the time commitment for volunteers, Brost emphasizes that, "the time required to become involved is very manageable. If everyone does just a little bit for the Association, it is going to make a tremendous impact on our programs."

In addition to the annual breakfast, the Alumni Team is developing a series of regional and local events. The dean of nursing, Genevieve Gray, is working closely with the Alumni Team as she is very interested in meeting with and talking to nursing alumni both locally and abroad. Watch *New Trail's* Alumni Events calendar for more

Alumni Events

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10 December 2000

Annual Christmas Celebration at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Contact Mary Ann Moffat at (604) 737-0554

Victoria, B.C.

10 December 2000

Annual Christmas Celebration at McMoran's Restaurant. Contact Peter Newman at (250) 721-1676 or e-mail NEWMAN.PETER@trust.ca

London, England

February or March 2001

Alumni Wine Tasting at Canada House

New York, New York

February 2001

Annual Alumni Skating Party in Central Park. Contact Marilyn Parker at (203) 838-8522 or parkerma@juno.com

Bonnyville, Alberta

February 2001

Watch the mail for details. For information contact Sheila Stosky in Alumni Affairs or e-mail sheila.stosky@ualberta.ca

Phoenix, Arizona

3 March 2001

Alumni Brunch. Guest speaker: Dr. Larry Wang. Contact Dr. Norman Nichol at (602) 396-4491

Tucson, Arizona

4 March 2001

Alumni Brunch. Guest speaker: Dr. Larry Wang

Lethbridge, Alberta

21 March 2001

Annual Alumni Dinner. Guest speaker: Dr. Ian Morrison

Medicine Hat, Alberta

22 March 2001

Alumni Dinner. Guest speaker: Dr. Ian Morrison

Grande Prairie, Alberta

24 March 2001

Annual Alumni Dinner. Guest speaker: James Stanford. Contact Campbell Ross at (780) 538-3524.

Constituent Groups

School of Business Alumni Association

For information contact the School of Business (780) 492-4083.

NAA events.

For information on getting involved with the NAA, contact Laurie Hanasyk in the Faculty of Nursing at (780) 492-5804.

Announcing a new scholarship

The University of Alberta Hong Kong Alumni Association has established an Overseas Study Award. This four-year, \$25,000-per-annum award has been created to help qualified students from Hong Kong complete an undergraduate degree at the U of A. It will also allow these students to experience the excellence in international learning previously enjoyed by U of A alumni from Hong Kong, says Larry Wang, presidential advisor, international affairs. The award will provide funding for tuition, books, and a living allowance. Anyone interested in supporting this award is invited to contact the U of A Development

Office at (780) 492-4418 or 1-888-799-9899

Athletics and Alumni offices team up

Derek Shybunka is the new alumni athletic events coordinator in the Office of Alumni Affairs. Derek, who works with both the Alumni Office and the Athletics and Recreation office in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation is primarily responsible for planning alumni-related activities in conjunction with athletic events.

Derek has a strong connection with the University of Alberta and its athletic programs. From 1991-95 he played on the University's Golden Bears hockey team, and for the past three seasons he has been an assistant coach for the U of A Pandas hockey team—the 2000 CIAU champions.



Come celebrate at Reunion 2001

The University of Alberta is calling alumni back to campus for Reunion 2001, slated for 11 to 14 October. All U of A alumni are invited to attend, but those whose graduation year ends in a "1" or a "6" are celebrating a special anniversary year and are especially encouraged to celebrate this milestone.

One great way to participate in the festivities is by becoming a reunion class organizer. "It's a fun and easy way to get involved with your class and encourage friends and classmates to join the reunion excitement," says Tracy Salmon, '91 BA, '96 MSc, special events coordinator in the Office of Alumni Affairs. She invites those interested in becoming a class organizer or seeking more information about Reunion 2001 to contact her in the Office of Alumni Affairs.

22 February

Annual Members Reception
Hotel MacDonald

10 May

Luncheon Speaker Series
Location TBA

30 May

Annual General Meeting
U of A Alumni House

St. Joseph's College Alumni & Friends Association

For information contact St. Joseph's College at (780) 492-7681

10 February

St. Joseph's College 75th
Anniversary Parish Level
Kick-off Mass and Breakfast
St. Joseph's College Chapel
10:30 a.m.

18 March

St. Joseph's College 75th

Anniversary Mass and Reception
St. Joseph's Basilica
7:00 p.m.

Dental Alumni Association

9 March

Members Reception
BCDA Conference, Vancouver
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

24 May

Members Reception
ADA Conference, Jasper
Location TBA

Pub Nights

Boston, Massachusetts

Last Thursday of every month
Contact Joanne Muzzin at
jmuzzin@yahoo.com.

Denver, Colorado

Contact Glenn Ardley at
gardley@aol.com

Phoenix, Arizona

First Thursday of every month
Runs from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Check out details on the Web at
www.tripod.com/queensalumni

Seattle, Washington

Last Thursday of every month
Contact Marilyn Mader at
mmader@worldcatch.com

Calling all Snowbirds:

If you spend your winters down South, why not get together with other University of Alberta alumni who have escaped winter's arctic chill? Send us your winter address or e-mail address, and we will be sure to invite you to events being held in your area. As a bonus we will send you an Alumni Association mousepad.

REUNIONS

The following classes are planning reunions at Reunion 2001, 11 to 14 October. For information contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (780) 492-3224.

Year & Class/Coordinator:

- '41 Ag/John Younie
- '41 Civil Eng/ Norman Lawrence
- '41 Com/Richard Matthews, F. Richard
- '41 Eng/Victor Henning
- '41 Law/William Haddad
- '41 Nu BSc/E. Macklam (Wheeler)
- '41 Nu Dip (Jan)/E. Phillips (Hailes)
- '46 Ag/Joseph Fraser, Leslie Read
- '46 Chem Eng/Jack Cuyler
- '46 Civil Eng/Emil Sanden
- '46 Educ/Mary Kyhn
- '46 Elec Eng/R. Proudfoot, M. Cheriton (Smith)
- '46 Nu Dip/Betty Runyon
- '46 Pharm/Erma Nash (Stauffer)
- '51 Ag/D. Jantzie, D. Murchie, R. Hironaka, P. Stelmaschuk, D. Brinton
- '51 Com/James Rose, Stu Knop
- '51 BEd/Mabel Geary, W. Fitzpatrick
- '51 Home Ec/E. Mullen (Blackburn)
- '51 Law/J. Peter Jorgensen
- '51 Mining Eng/John Parker
- '51 Nu Dip/Stella Little
- '51 Petro Eng/Gerald Maier
- '51 Pharm/O. Sorenson, M. Samyia, N. Collinge
- '56 Ag/John Calpas
- '56 Civil Eng/Ralph Ulveland
- '56 Nu/Ruth Elliott
- '56 Pharm/D. Bilko (Schnell), R. Jewett
- '61 Ag/Murray Turnbull
- '61 Chem Eng/Mel Movold
- '61 Civil Eng/Leon Root
- '61 Com/V. Grace, J. Cowling
- '61 Elec Eng/Robert McLean
- '61 BEd/John Shields
- '61 Home Ec/Rosemarie Kelly
- '61 Law/R. Newton, H. Starkman
- '66 Com/Joseph Doherty
- '66 Dent/Lorne Kott
- '66 BEd/ Robert Smilanich
- '66 Law/Hugh Robertson
- '66 Mech Eng/Terry Hrudey
- '66 Pharm/Christine Dejong
- '71 Civil Eng/Mike Yakemchuk
- '71 Law/David Duggan
- '71 Nu BSc/Louise Miller
- '71 Zoology/TBA/Garry Mann
- '76 Ag/Bernie (Peter) Kotelko
- '76 Chem Eng/Walter Lopata
- '76 Com/Murray Lindsay
- '76-'81 F.O.S. Members/G. Sinclair,
For information check the Web site
www.ualberta.ca/alumni/reunion2001/FOS/
- '76 Nu BSc/B. Schrage (Donnelly)
- '76 RecAdmin/Anne Toole
- '81 Ag/Anita Marr
- '81 Geology/Gary Cox
- '81 Medicine/Dennis Fong
- '81 Pharm/B. Sydoruk, M. Vetsch (Lowe), R. Pon
- '81 PT/Laurie McIntosh
- '86 Comp Eng/Bert Zylstra
- '91 Dent/Randall Crowell
- '91 BEd/Eugene Ewanyshyn
- '96 Mining Eng/Fenna Poelzer
- '96 Nu/Eric Stein.

Other reunions being planned include:

- '81 Forestry /Summer 2001/Richard Dominy & Mark Sayers



Taking the lead—yet again

Another first for Lila Fahlman

By Jodeen Litwin

Briskly walking down a Garneau street quiet in the midday sunshine, Lila Fahlman, '84 PhD, heads to her University of Alberta office. The office is tucked away on the second floor of a house on 110 Street. Fahlman, who lets herself in using keys held together by a key chain that reads, "Shalom," is very much at home in her new role as a chaplain. She is the first female Muslim chaplain at the U of A—or at any other university in Canada.

Such a ground breaking involvement is nothing out of the ordinary for Fahlman, who has accomplished a lifetime of firsts with her just-do-it attitude. "I believe in what I am doing, and I believe it should be done," she says simply. Not prepared to wait for things to happen, Fahlman gets out there, and makes them happen.

Like in 1982 when she travelled across Canada to bring Muslim women together to establish the Canadian Council of Muslim Women. Or when, some 10 years later, she founded the World Council of Muslim Women. Or when she became a leader in the World Interfaith Education Association, of which she has been president for the last decade.

Closer to campus, in 1966 Fahlman was the motivating force behind the Society for the Preservation of Historical Homes to save some of the older Garneau homes—including Rutherford House—slated for demolition. In what turned out to be a six-year battle, Fahlman never thought about giving up the fight. When faced with challenging situations her motto is, "Don't let them entrap you—build upon them."

Those words have served Fahlman well throughout her various careers, including a term as an elected trustee in the late

'80s for the Edmonton Public School Board, where she won over tough opposition to establish the first multicultural educational policy for the Board.

As she recounts some of her life's history, Fahlman, an author and publisher, captivates the listener with stories so

packed with imagery that they become a shared experience. To explain the power of prayer in her life, she conveys the wide-eyed excitement of a four-year-old girl desperately searching for a needle so she could sew, and finding one after she had said a prayer on the Koran. It was a simple lesson, but one that has stayed with her, says Fahlman, whose family history reads like a novel. Her great-great-uncle (on her mother's side) was Zachary Taylor, the

12th president of the United States. Her father was a *sufi* (a spiritual healer) from Lebanon. Her parents met in the United States, eloped, and moved to Canada. Fahlman smiles thinking about how her parents picked Saskatchewan, "of all the places." Yet it was in Regina that she met her late husband, Al Fahlman, an entertainer, affectionately known as Saskatchewan's Roving Cowboy. (Interestingly enough, Fahlman listened to the Roving Cowboy every morning on the radio when she was growing up, and says she fell in love with his voice long before she met him.) Fahlman says she received tremendous support from her husband, and it was with his encouragement that she went on to pursue her PhD in education.

Now, some 15 years after earning that degree, Fahlman is back on campus. With scholarly knowledge of many of the world's religions, she hopes she will be able to provide counsel to University students on their own spiritual journey. 🎓

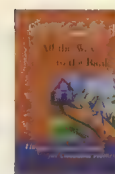


"I believe in what I am doing, and I believe it should be done."

She Laughed All the Way to the Bank

Cindy Skrukwa, '88 BCom

Providing supportive advice, Skrukwa's book is every thinking woman's inspiration to financial empowerment and a must for those who need to get a fix on their money matters. (Raincoast Books)



Hockey ... under winter skies

Peter Shostak, '65 BEd, '69 Dip(Ed), '70 MEd

Through his vivid paintings and nostalgic stories, well-known Canadian artist Shostak shares with readers the game of hockey as he played it with his siblings and school friends on frozen ponds, and farm and schoolyard rinks. (Yalenka Enterprises)

Clear Answers: The Economics & Politics of For-Profit Medicine

Kevin Taft, '77 BA, '83 MA, and Gillian Steward

In response to the many debates on opening Canada's medicare to private for-profit hospitals, this compelling book provides evidence to make the case that turning to for-profit medicine for solutions will make costs higher and waiting lists longer. (University of Alberta Press)



Canadian Writer's Handbook

Richard Davies, '71 BA, '72 Dip(Ed), '79 Dip(Ed) and Glen Kirkland, '72 BEd

An up-to-date, concise reference book that focuses on the practicalities of writing effective essays, research papers, speeches, and more. This guidebook is an excellent tool for high school and university students. (Gage)



Maxim Gorky: A Political Biography

Tovah Yedlin, '56 BEd, '59 MA, '69 PhD

This biography examines the life of Russian short story writer and novelist, Maxim Gorky, hailed by many as the first proletarian writer. (Praeger Publishers)



bookmarks

Patterns of Conflict Paths to Peace

Larry Fisk, '58 BA, '61 BDiv, '75 PhD, and John Schellenberg
This book works to facilitate active problem-solving for an understanding of the prominent issues and approaches in peace studies and conflict resolution. (Broadview Press)



The Bold Testament

Maurice Yacowar, '62 BA, '65 MA
What if Moses were an accident-prone guy who stood only waist-high to Charleton Heston? Or the infamous Dalila were a solid, self-sacrificing public servant? Yacowar frees these two figures from their history and presents them, not as mythical symbols, but as feeling, thinking human beings. (Bayeux Arts)



The Truth Teller

Katherine Govier, '70 BA
Acclaimed novelist, short story writer, and journalist Govier has written a novel that looks at the illusions people use to give meaning to their lives and how these illusions can harden into something dangerous. The *Calgary Herald* calls it, "A remarkable accomplishment, a stunning book." (Random House Canada)



Hockey: The Technical, The Physical, and The Mental Game

Randy Gregg, '75 BSc, '79 MD
Gregg has written an informative and entertaining guide book—packed with cartoons and personal vignettes—for the Canadian hockey community to promote a positive sports environment for young male and female hockey enthusiasts. (Hendriks Publishing Ltd.)



The Tapeworm Foundry: and/or the Dangerous Prevalence of Imagination

Darren Wershler-Henry, '90 MA
This book-length run-on sentence challenges current poetic rules of form and subject matter and turns a seemingly utilitarian handbook for writers into a powerful artistic expression of defiance. (Anansi)



Readings in Health Care Ethics

edited by Elisabeth Boetzkes, '69 BA, '72 MA, and Wilfrid J. Waluchow
This comprehensive text includes a wide range of essays on long-standing issues in biomedical ethics, such as consent and euthanasia, as well as on issues, such as genetic alteration, that have come to the fore in recent years. (Broadview Press)



Settling In: First Homes on the Prairies

Faye Reineberg Holt, '70 BA, '71 Dip(Ed)

One of the books in the "Prairie Heritage" series, Holt's work is filled with archival photographs and provides a visual record of the variety of early prairie architecture in the late 1890s and early 1900s—everything from soddies to mansions. (Fifth House)

The Next Canada: In Search of our Future Nation

Myrna Kostash, '65 BA
Kostash, who travelled across Canada to talk to young people in all walks of life, wrote this sharp-eyed investigative piece on the movers and shapers of the next Canada. A thoughtful book, it reassesses the way we look at the 25-to 35-year-old generation. (McClelland & Stewart)



A Fine Daughter

Catherine Simmons Niven, '79 BA
A recent winner of three Alberta Book Awards, including one for best first book, this novel tells the story of Fran and her illegitimate daughter, Cora, and their journey to confront the strict-1950s morality that's made them outsiders in a small prairie town. (Red Deer Press)



Philosophy and its Epistemic Neuroses

Michael Hymers, '93 PhD
Examining three traditional problems in the theory of knowledge, Hymers argues the source of these problems is the idea that knowledge, truth, and meaning are the sorts of things about which it makes sense to have theories. (Westview Press)

Writing About Literature: A Guide for the Students

W.F. Garrett-Petts, '92 PhD
This resource book is intended for any student who has stared hopelessly at a blank screen, or blank piece of paper, waiting for a literary essay to magically appear, or for any instructor who has been left with a feeling of despair after marking students' essays. It provides practical advice for writing critical essays on literature. (Broadview Press)



Earning and Caring in Canadian Families

Rod Beaujot, '70 BA, '72 MA, '75 PhD
Beaujot, the chair of Statistics Canada's Advisory Committee on Demographic Statistics and Studies and a University of Western Ontario sociology professor, has written this carefully-crafted sociological and demographical analysis of the links between the private and public spheres in Canadian society. (Broadview Press)



Canada Revisited: Aboriginal People and European Explorers

Phyllis Arnold, '65 BEd, '72 Dip(Ed), Betty Gibbs, '68 BA, '72 BEd
This textbook on history examines the contributions to the development of Canada by the Algonquian and Iroquoian-speaking nations and the early European explorers. It received an Alberta Book Award. (Arnold)



ALSO NOTED

Peace, Justice and Freedom: Human Rights Challenges for the New Millennium

edited by Gurcharan S. Bhatia, J.S. O'Neill, Gerald L. Gall and Patrick D. Bendin, '78 BA, '81 LLB (University of Alberta Press)

The Aberhart Summer (a re-release)

Bruce Allen Powe, '49 BA, '51 MA (Newest Press)

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Rusty Lehay, '95 BA (JenRus Press)

At the Core of the Big Apple

By Charlene Rooke



Scientists have been known to worry about whether the act of merely observing an experiment changes its outcome. But in the case of Clayton Patterson, '76 BED, the catalytic effect his observations have had on society is a matter of certainty, not speculation. .

The artist and documentarian has, for the last 20 years, been compiling an extensive visual archive of New York City's Lower East Side. The stocky, pony-tailed and bearded Patterson is an habitué of the mean streets of the Bowery district where his home studio hides behind a heavily graffitied black metal door. Wearing his trademark black baseball cap embroidered with skull symbols, this observer is as much a fixture of the neighborhood as the subjects he chronicles: from building demolitions to drag shows, from children growing up to police busts going down. Patterson comes across as one of those quintessential New York originals—but, ironically, he hails from Alberta, and credits his Western Canadian background for developing his trademark outsider's, iconoclastic views.

Like a black-leather-clad Forrest Gump, Patterson has been present—and through his very presence, instrumental—at an astounding array of cultural milestones. The underground New York art scene of the 1980s? Patterson was there, showing then-unknown artists in his small Essex Street gallery. The arcane

New York health regulation banning tattooing? He was instrumental in having it repealed in 1985. The Tompkins Square Park uprising in Greenwich Village in 1988? Patterson's videotape later became a key court exhibit. And those distinctive black baseball caps, featured on the pages of GQ magazine and sported by hipsters like Mick Jagger and Jack Nicholson? Until Patterson and his partner, Elsa Rensaa, got their hands on baseball caps in the early 1990s, that headgear rarely sported anything more sophisticated than tractor logos.

Patterson's video footage has been broadcast on CNN, ABC, NBC, CBS, and PBS. His photographs have been published in The New York Times, New York Newsday, and several local weekly newspapers. His involvements have led him into court, into danger, into controversy, and into the company of criminals, spiritual leaders, and the police: into the very core of urban culture.

For an artist who has spent much of his life documenting the fringes of society, Patterson will receive relatively mainstream exposure for his work next year with the publication of a book of his photographs, 1985–2000: The Lower East Side, New York City (Foto Folio). Some of Patterson's work—of streetscapes and buildings, of people aging over the decades—is purely documentary. But many of his portraits of the colorful characters of the East Side—from wide-eyed children to strung-out junkies—possess an unflinching, uncompromising beauty. Blown up to the size of art prints, they would make a compelling statement in any gallery.

Clayton Patterson grew up in Calgary absorbing a deep streak of old-fashioned prairie practicality. Because "artist" wasn't considered a viable career in the day, he completed an education degree at the U of A and taught high school art in Stony Plain. However, compelled to follow his interests in sculpture and printmaking, he returned to Calgary's Alberta College of Art (where he met Rensaa in 1972) and later attended the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. He and Rensaa taught art in Calgary before making the jump to New York in the late

1970s. Initially he concentrated on his sculptural work, enjoying some success with a solo gallery show and sales to prestigious collectors.

In 1983 the couple bought their current East Side abode, "dropped the whole SoHo thing, and began to participate in life over here," says Patterson. Coming from Calgary—as Patterson sees it, far outside the established, European art tradition—he held a different aesthetic and began to pursue his interest in "fringe" art forms, such as tattooing. "I used to look at these books and slides in art history classes, and I felt so far removed from the actual piece ... tattooing deals with art and imagery, and it's right around you. It has the intimacy and closeness that's missing from much of fine art."

Patterson was involved in the movement to legalize tattooing in New York. "Some said it was about hepatitis, but it wasn't," says Patterson, of an obscure 1961 health regulation preventing tattoo parlors from operating legally and forcing them into an unregulated, outlaw existence. "Getting everyone to come together wasn't easy, but we did it," Patterson recalls. When tattooing was legalized in 1985, Patterson's Essex Street storefront became the headquarters of the New York Tattoo Society.

Clayton Patterson's work and interests have morphed over the years, much like the evolution of his Essex Street space. The converted warehouse—with its high, pressed-tin ceiling, hardwood floors, and large windows—has been a home, an art



Actor Matt Dillon sports a Patterson hat

Photography by Clayton Patterson

gallery, a hat shop, an archive, and remains a neighborhood meeting place. Bypassers stop to look in the window at photographs of neighborhood kids (who refer to it as the “hall of fame”). In the storefront, work painted by the renowned tattoo artist Spider Webb and signed by author Quentin Crisp decorates the walls. Just behind, paint and polish are readying a gallery space that will house an Outlaw Museum of items like tattoo art, drug paraphernalia, and other unusual artifacts. Upstairs, Patterson and Rensaa live among stacks of books, boxes and binders of documents, four dogs, and several of Patterson’s striking, colorful sculptural works made from found objects.

The somewhat ramshackle building could also be described as a firetrap, with some 750,000 photographs and 4,000 hours of videotape taking up filing cabinet, floor and shelf space. Several years ago, the Smithsonian Institution contacted Patterson about obtaining part of his collection. He declined. “It is important to me that one day the whole archive is preserved in the right place,” he says. Given Patterson’s frequent court appearances—his videotapes have been used for legal defence more than any other private photo collection in the history of America—there’s an argument to be made for keeping the material close at hand.

Patterson’s observation coalesced into action in 1988. He had already been photographing the neighborhood for a few years and had recently acquired a video camera. While on his way to document elements of the club scene, he heard the ruckus at a park, where neighborhood denizens and police were violently clashing over a curfew meant to rid the square of illegal after-dark activity. Because hand-held video cameras were then relatively uncommon, he was able to unobtrusively film—literally from the hip—for the duration of the conflict. The fallout from the exposure provided by Patterson’s video was a decade of reform for the police force, reshaping the way the force covered the streets of New York, including the rough-and-tumble Lower East Side. “I’m not saying

[reform] wouldn’t have happened without my tape, but that brought the problems into very clear definition,” Patterson says.

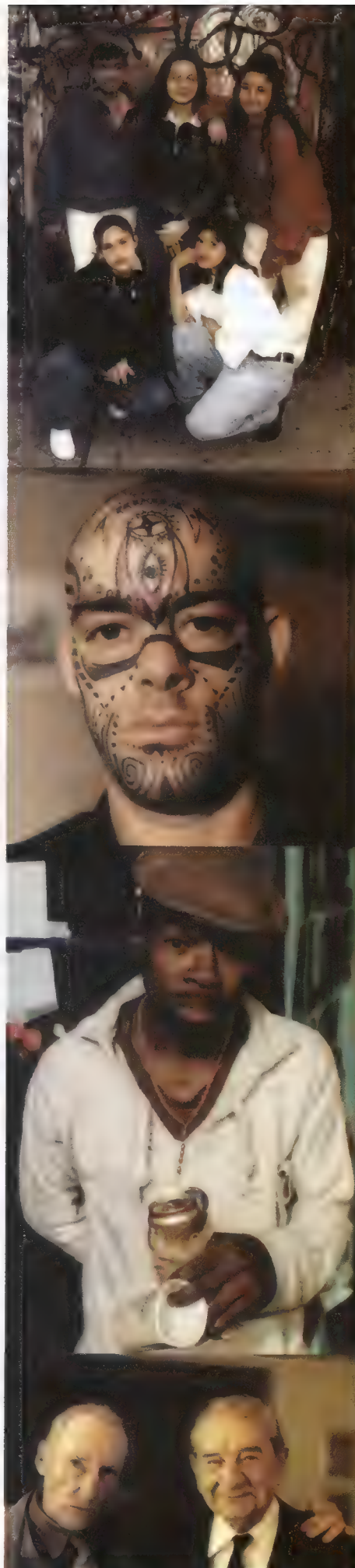
For Patterson, the incident was a turning point that led him into a decade of activism over neighborhood issues: crusading for buildings slated for demolition, playing watchdog on political hypocrisy, protesting unnecessary police violence. Most of all, his own photos and his Essex Street space became touchstones for members of various urban tribes: from drag queens to Hasidic rabbis, from Catholic priests to practitioners of Santeria (a Cuban religion sometimes classified as voodoo).

New York City has changed drastically in recent years, with a booming economy making life in Manhattan nearly inaccessible to all but the most affluent. The creeping gentrification, which has altered Greenwich Village, SoHo, and TriBeCa each in turn, is now spreading East to Patterson’s stomping grounds. It’s a movement that’s guaranteed to drive out many of the colorful characters that have populated Patterson’s work, and perhaps the eclecticism and freedom that have characterized his way of life there.

“New York is like an anthill that gets kicked over every 20 years ... so there’s no real attachment to Manhattan, you know?” Patterson laments. He jokes that while he’s “somewhat famous” in New York, he feels like “less than nobody” in Canada, and so will likely stay put for the time being. His reputation as a voice in the art world is growing, through showings of emerging artists such as Charles Greenwood and involvement in exhibitions such as the travelling European Wild Style performance art show.

He compares himself to the guy who wears a loud shirt to a party. In most places, he’d stand out. But on the eclectic Lower East Side? “Here, it’s no big deal.” Clayton Patterson, like a real-life Zelig, just blends into the scenery. 🎓

Writers William Burroughs (left) and Chas Adams, are masters of the macabre.



classnotes

'42 Herbert B. Miller, BSc(Eng), who retired in 1987, after working some 40 years with UOP LLC of Des Plaines, Illinois, is still enjoying retirement. He is sad to report that his wife, June, passed away seven years ago—they had been married 45 years. "Nevertheless, I continue to make the yearly trip with our cat, Spunky, to a golf course community in Naples, Florida. We live there in the winter and return in the spring to our Barrington Hills, Illinois, residence for the summer."

'48 H. Barss Dimock, MD, '45 BSc, of Trail, B.C., was presented with an honorary membership in the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons in May 2000 for the special contributions he has made to medicine during his lifetime of practice in the province. Barss practised his specialty of internal medicine at the C.S. Williams Clinic in Trail from 1954 until he retired in 1990.

'49 William Selezinka, BEd, '57 MD, of San Diego, was awarded the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award in recognition of his participation in charitable activities, care to the indigent, community service, and other humanitarian activities.

'56 Ray Blacklock, BEd, retired on 31 July 2000. Previously he worked as a teacher in Alberta from 1956-1962; a teacher and administrator for the Lutheran Church in Papua, New Guinea, from 1962-81; principal of the Lutheran Collegiate Institute in Outlook, Saskatchewan, from 1981-86; and as registrar and director of financial aid at Augustana University College in Camrose, Alberta, until his retirement. Ray and **Norma Blacklock (McCoomb)**, '58 BA, live in Camrose, Alberta.

'56 Paul Bourret, Dip(Ed), '59 BEd, was recently added to the list of professionals in the *International Who's Who of Professionals* based on his contributions to music in Alberta. The executive director of the Edmonton Kiwanis Music Festival, Paul was also recently inducted into Edmonton's Cultural Hall of Fame for his contributions to music in the province, to music education in Edmonton, and for founding the Columbian Choirs in 1966.

'59 Victor Snieckus, BSc, the Bader Chair in organic chemistry at Queen's U, was recently awarded a Killam Research Fellowship for his research in design and development of

new ligands for asymmetric synthesis.

'61 Allan Warrack, BSc(Ag), of Edmonton, writes, "after academic, Alberta Cabinet, and U of A vice-president administration/finance mini-careers," he is now teaching business economics in the School of Business at the U of A. Allan is also the co-author of *Business & Government in Canada*, published by Prentice-Hall in 1999. An outline of the text is on the Web at www.bus.ualberta.ca/awarrack.

'63 Nicholas Skinner, BSc, '65 BA, '67 MSc, '71 PhD, recently received the 2000 Canadian Psychological Association Education and Training Award, one of the highest honours in this field. Nicholas, a psychology professor at King's College in London, Ontario, has been chair of the CPA's section on teaching of psychology since 1988.

'64 Tom Slimmon, BSc(Eng), recently received the CSA International Award of Merit for the year 2000 for his active membership on a wide variety of CSA committees for more than 20 years. Tom has displayed leadership in the development, advancement and application of voluntary standards in the area of pipeline materials. Tom is a senior materials engineer for TransCanada Transmission in Calgary.

'66 Edward Holdaway, MEd, '68 PhD, of Edmonton, received the Distinguished Member Award of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education for the year 2000 at its annual meeting in Edmonton held in May. Edward, a professor emeritus of educational policy studies at the U of A, received the award for his substantial contributions to the study and practice of higher education.

'67 Donald Roberts, BEd, '73 Dip(Ed), was elected as the Liberal MLA for Porter Creek North in Whitehorse on 17 April 2000. One month later he was sworn in as the health and social services minister and the minister responsible for the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board. Donald first moved to the Yukon in 1965 and taught Grade 5 for a year before returning to the U of A to complete his BEd. Donald then spent one year teaching in Desmaris, Alberta, but soon moved back to the Yukon, where he worked as a principal in a number of Whitehorse schools.

Donald retired in 1997 and has since travelled the world with his wife, Marguerite.

'67 Peter Patterson, MD, '64 BSc, recently moved to Kansas City to become the director of laboratory medicine at the U of Kansas Medical Centre. "Lots of fun and great challenges."

Brian Plain, MD, of Victoria, is now a medical consultant with the B.C. Ministry of Health, Health Services for Community Living. This is a program that supports, through policy and strategic initiatives, individuals with developmental disabilities who reside in community living environments.

'68 Al Schroeder, BEd, '71 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton, retired in June 1999 from the Edmonton Public School Board where he worked for 31 years—23 as a principal. Currently, Al is working part-time as a Concordia University facilitator and as an independent travel agent with B & B Travel.

'69 Manfred Fehr, MSc, of Uberlandia, Brazil, was made a member of the International Order of Merit in June 2000 and was accepted into the



James Waddell, '67 MD, recently received the Medical Alumni Association's Outstanding Achievement Award. James practises at St. Michael's Hospital and the Orthopaedic and Arthritic Hospital in Toronto. He also holds the A.J. Latner Professorship and is chair of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at the U of Toronto. James has made outstanding contributions to the medical profession through his research, publishing 87 journal articles, 12 book chapters, and 108 abstracts. He has also offered his service to numerous national committees dealing with issues in orthopaedic medicine.

Who's Who in the World for his contributions to the betterment of contemporary society. Manfred writes that after he graduated from the U of A, he roamed the world, mostly on academic assignments. Manfred is also included in the *2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 20th Century*, *2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 20th Century*, and the *Dictionary of International Biography*, 29th edition, as well as other notable publications.

Edwin Ashton, MSc, '73 PhD, of Grande Prairie, Alberta, has completed 10 years as a psychiatric nurse, and in June 2000 he completed his BSc in Nursing. "Still enjoy the mental health field and counselling." Currently, Ed is working on a Web site that offers original watercolour paintings of Alberta's grain elevators. Ed can be contacted regarding these paintings at edashton@telusplanet.net.

Val Schneider, MA, '66 BPE, has taken early retirement from the U of Saskatchewan, where he had spent 27 years as a faculty member, an administrator, and a coach in the College of Kinesiology. Val is currently the executive director of the Canada West Universities Athletic Association and is moving from Saskatoon to Edmonton in June 2001.

Richard Shapka, BCom, moved from Vancouver to the Midlands of England two years ago on an assignment with Finning (UK). Richard and his wife, Donna Christie, are enjoying this "great opportunity" to travel in the U.K. and in Europe. "Both of us continue to run, and with the local running club, the Stafford Harriers, we have run marathons in London, Dublin, and Paris." Richard has one year left in his overseas assignment and expects to be back in Vancouver next August, in time for Donna to resume her teaching career.

George Wasyluk, BSc, of Mississauga, Ontario, writes that, after a 30-year career with Nortel Networks and after taking a one-year vacation, he is now working with a small IPO as director of project management, working on PCS (cellular) data acquisition systems. "The daily commute into Toronto's Bay Street area offers a real study in human nature and resourcefulness—never a dull day!"

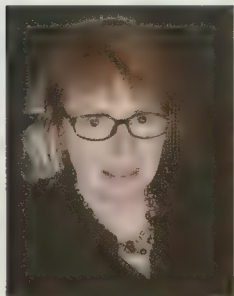
'70 Joseph Demko, BEd, '80 MEd, of St. Albert, Alberta, is the new superintendent for the St. Albert Protestant

School Board. Joseph first began teaching at the junior-high-school level and has held a number of administrative roles throughout his 30-year career.

Leslie Allan Petts, MD, opened a medical office in Angus, Ontario, where he and his wife, Susan, have decided to make their home. Previously Allan had served 28 years with the Canadian Armed Forces before retiring.

'71 James Copeland, BSc(Ag), '74 MSc, of Sherwood Park, Alberta, writes that, after spending the last couple years on secondment to the administrative systems renewal program at the U of A, he has gone back to supporting the computing needs of the Department of Rural Economy, where he has worked for more than 25 years.

Vida Fisher (Swanson), BA(RecAdmin), is director of alumni affairs for Kettering U (formerly the General Motors Institute) in Flint, Michigan. The university is located on the edge of the neighbourhood where Vida and her family have lived for 25 years. "My children are both in university and my husband and I are starting to enter the 'empty-nester' stage of life." Vida invites classmates who are



Sally Rehorick, '69 BA, '71 MA, was named Canada's chef de mission to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games by the Canadian Olympic Association. It is a history-making appointment by the COA as Sally is the first woman to hold this prestigious role. As chef de mission, Sally leads the Canadian delegation being sent to Salt Lake City in 2002. She will oversee all the preparations prior to the Games with regards to team members and is responsible for creat-

ing a positive environment for the athletes at the Games so they can perform their best.

Sally is an education professor at the U of New Brunswick and the director of UNB's Second Language Education Centre. In addition to her professional duties, Sally is an International Skating Union judge for singles, pairs, and dance competitions. Sally actually got her start as a judge in Edmonton. "When my husband [David Rehorick, '68 BA, '71 MA, '74 PhD] was doing his PhD, he said that I should find something to do with my weekends, because he would be so busy. So I started to judge. Now, David asks frequently if there are any weekends when I will be home!" Until the Games are over, Sally says she won't be spending much time at her Fredericton home, where she has lived since 1975.

passing through Michigan to stop in.

Allan Lefever, LLB, '67 BEd, of Edmonton, was recently appointed president of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada for a two-year term. Allan, who sits on the provincial

Court of Alberta, has been a volunteer with the HSFC since 1980.

'72 Robert McPhee, BEd, '75 MEd, '97 PhD, of Edmonton, was appointed superintendent for the Elk Island Public School Board in June 2000.

Cathy Dewar (Howard), BSc(Pharm), received the 2000 clinician-teacher of the year award for Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, U of Toronto. She obtained her MD from the U of Calgary in 1985 and went on to specialize in rheumatology. In her spare time, Cathy, who resides in North York, Ontario, enjoys keeping fit and writing and publishing poetry.

Montgomery Wild, LLB, received a Queen's Counsel appointment in January 2000. He recently moved to Calgary to join the firm Emery Jamieson after practising law for 19 years in Innisfail, Alberta.

'73 Padget Lofgren, BA, '79 BA(Spec), of Edmonton, is now vice-president of CIBC World Markets Inc.

William Beckett, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, has been working at ATCO Electric since 1973. In March 2000 he was appointed vice-president, commercial and will be overseeing industry restructure issues and initiatives.

Janet Franklin, LLB, '72 BA, of Edmonton, is the first female assistant chief judge in Alberta, a position she accepted in June 2000. Janet is also a member of the unified family court task force.

Del Hankinson, BA, has recently joined Cytovax Biotechnologies Inc. as vice-president of finance and chief financial officer. Del lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta.

David Jones, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, is currently vice-president, business development at ATCO Electric, a position he was appointed to in March 2000.

Gladys Petts, Dip(Ed), '70 BEd, is retired and living in Stayner, Ontario. "Best wishes to friends and colleagues."

Fraser Russell, BLS, of Basildon, England, is working for Euromonitor PLC in central London, building databases of calculations on consumer spending. His wife, Jaki, works in Basildon and their two sons live nearby.

'74 Reginald Wilkes, BA, has been working with the Alberta public service since the day after he wrote his last U of A exam, 26 years ago. He is currently a program consultant with the Department of Health and Wellness, Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program, Edmonton Community Board. Reginald's oldest daughter is in her fourth year of education at the U of A, and his youngest daughter, now in Grade 12, also plans to become a teacher. Reginald and his wife, **Gaylene Schreiber, '91 BEd, '00 MEd**, recently moved to a new home in Leduc, Alberta.

'75 Chin Hean Khoo, BSc(Eng), is now a chief executive at the Public Utilities Board in Singapore.

Jim Swanson, BA(RecAdmin), has been teaching in the B.C. public school system for the past 23 years, the last 12 being spent in Parksville on Vancouver Island. In 1990, James completed his master's degree in education from the U of Oregon. He currently teaches elementary school and is the physical education, gifted, and computer specialist—"wearing three different hats keeps me on my toes." He writes that he loves to ski at Mount Washington in the winter and fish in the summer. James invites RecAdmin grads from 1973 to '75 to drop him a line if they're in the Parksville area.

'76 Robert Crockett, BA, recently joined the Vancouver Whistler 2010 Bidcorp as marketing manager. "We are seeking to host the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics in B.C.—we'll know in the summer of 2003." You can contact Robert through the Web site www.winter2010.com.



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Randy Giles, '83 PhD, was recently awarded the Discover Magazine Award for Technological Innovation for his significant role in inventing Lucent Technologies' WaveStar (TM) LambdaRouter, the world's first high-capacity, all-optical communications device able to move information across the Internet 40 times faster each second than what is currently available. Randy is the technical manager for photonic subsystems at Lucent's Bell Labs in New Jersey. He was honoured on 24 June at a celebration held in Orlando, Florida.

'77 Sandy Murray, MD, '73 BSc, of Red Deer, is the new Senate representative to the U of A Board of Governors. Sandy works as a family physician and also has an active occupational medicine health practice.

Stewart Baker, LLB, '74 BSc, of Edmonton, is currently working at the law firm Duncan & Craig.

'79 Sett Policicchio, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, was appointed vice-

president operations at ATCO Electric in March 2000.

'80 Robert Dunseith, LLB, '76 BA, recently joined the Edmonton law firm Duncan & Craig.

Moira Day, MA, '75 BA, went on to complete her PhD at the U of Toronto and is currently an associate professor of drama at the U of Saskatchewan.

'81 Elizabeth Hart, BSc(PT), is currently working providing pediatric community care. Elizabeth lives in Athens, Ontario, with her husband of 23 years and their four boys, and she is active in the church and community. "Would love to know what others in my class are doing."

'83 Cathy Page (Hotke), MD, '81 BMed, of Edmonton, and her husband, Don, just added a fourth child to their family, Ziliana, a two-year-old girl from Haiti. "We are so thankful that God brought Ziliana into our lives."

'84 Garnet Matsuba, LLB, '81 BCom, heads the partnership of the Edmonton firm Matsuba Beck, Tax Legal Counsel. Garnet's practice focuses on domestic and international tax planning and implementation of tax-

Robert Keenan, '84 MD, is regarded as one of the most pre-eminent thoracic surgeons specializing in lung and esophageal disease in the United States. He recently joined the Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates, based in Allegheny General Hospital, located in Pittsburgh. He also serves as the hospital's director of general thoracic surgery. A prolific researcher, Robert has penned more than 100 articles, abstracts, and book chapters in the area of thoracic surgery and is regarded as the leading expert in the practice of lung volume reduction for the treatment of emphysema. Previously, Robert was associated with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

motivated transactions. He is also a governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation, representing the Canadian Bar Association.

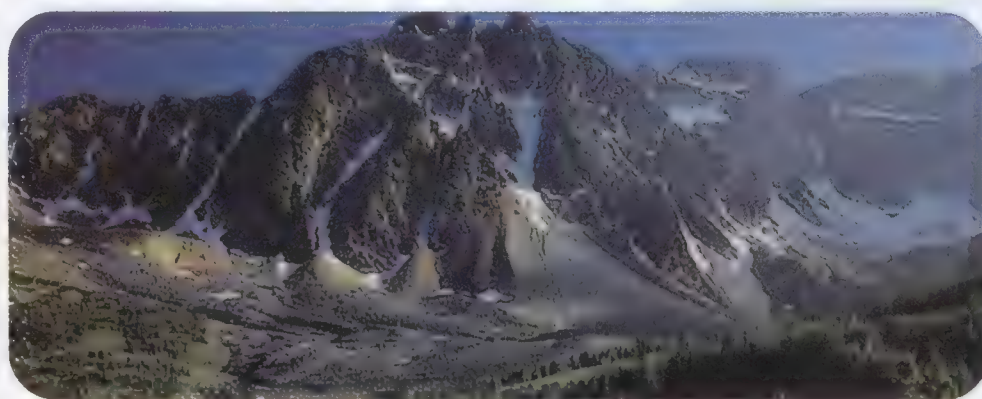
Russell Stanley, BSc(Eng), formerly of Deloitte & Touche, was recently appointed senior vice-president, business development with e-business software developer Celcorp.

'85 Gwendolyn Deegan, BFA, and her husband **Kevin Mar**, '85 BFA, have been operating a successful graphic design studio in Toronto for almost six years. They specialize in corporate communication and branding for clients in the banking, financial, and high-tech industries, as well as some Ontario and federal ministries. They have a daughter and a 14-month-old son.

Eric Li, BSc(Eng), has lived in Australia, China, and Hong Kong for the past 10 years. Currently, Eric is working in Hong Kong for a U.S. start-up company in the mobile area. "Do pop me a e-mail if you are one of the '85 EE guys at hk_kkli@hotmail.com."

David Mumm, BCom, of Lidingo, Sweden, is a telecom analyst in Stockholm responsible for the Scandinavian countries. "Married to a Swede and have two children."

Dan Raitz, BEd, '93 BA, and **Karen Raitz (Kaiser)**, '89 BCom, live in Leduc, Alberta. Dan has been teaching at Wetaskiwin Composite High School for the past six years and is currently the head of social studies. Karen is the supervisor of franchise services for



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AltaGas Utilities. They report they are "enjoying life with children Stephan, four, and Allison, two."

'86 Penny Dymianiw, BEd, is currently in her 14th year of elementary school teaching at Normandeau School in Red Deer. Penny writes she loves teaching and "considers it a great privilege to be in touch with small hands and hearts on a daily basis."

Camille Schappy, BA, '88 BCom, has spent the last 11 years living in Toronto. Recently Camille secured a new position within Andersen Consulting. Previously, the Canadian human resources director, she is now part of the global personnel matters team. "This is an ideal strategic role that can be done from anywhere, so I am moving to Vancouver at the end of July to start the rest of my life."

Kirsten Zuk, BA, '93 BFA, of Edmonton, held her ninth annual outdoor art show, *Original Sources*, featuring her new works in August 2000.

'87 Gareth Davies, BA, '94 Cert(Arts), completed an MA in international relations in 1996. Gareth is now working for the Australian department of defence. Gareth lives in Canberra, Australia, with his wife, Liesa.

'88 Ash Mustapha, BSc, moved from Montréal to Vancouver, where he was appointed vaccine specialist with Merck Frosst Canada & Company.

Brent Mielke, LLB, '85 BA, of Edmonton, recently became a partner in the law firm Shtabsky & Tussman, where he practises corporate and commercial litigation. Brent is also active in the community and is a member of the City of Edmonton's landlord and tenant advisory board.

'89 Jennifer Annesley, BFA, of Edmonton, was one of 11 artists selected into the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour. The jury of the Federation of Canadian Artists also accepted her as an active member in April 2000. In addition, Jennifer was shortlisted for the Aim for Arts International Art Competition that took place this summer in Vancouver.

Ian Foster, BSc(Eng), has been living in Perth, Australia, for the past seven years, developing electronics and software for the rail industry. "My spare time is spent with my wife and two children and sailing."

What **Catherine Holmes**, '71 BA, likes best about her job is its unpredictability. "When I come to work, I never know what I am going to walk into," says Holmes.

Nor, for that matter, does she know who she might run into—a Klingon, a cowboy, or the star of the latest Hollywood blockbuster.

For the past dozen years, Holmes has been employed at Paramount Pictures, where she is vice-president, finance for Paramount's Studio Group. In an environment where so much is a facade, Holmes stands out as a "real" person. Someone who grew up in Edmonton, did a degree in sociology at the U of A, and went to work at the Bay. Someone who enjoys all that California has to offer—beaches, mountains, and the desert, all within an hour's drive—but misses Alberta's changing seasons and the cleanliness of her hometown.

When Holmes moved to California, she worked with in the Bullock's retailing organization. Her career path took a turn when she was recruited by 20th Century-Fox for a financial position reporting to an ex-retailer. Her background proved a good fit for the entertainment industry, and in 1989 she made the move to Paramount.

Holmes and her husband, Alan, live in Sherman Oaks, about a 45-minute commute from Paramount, the only

major classic studio that is still located in Hollywood. The Paramount lot where Holmes goes to work each day is much like a small city in the middle of the Los Angeles sprawl. There are some-60-or-so buildings, 16 kilometres of paved streets, and the assorted infrastructure necessary to sustain a



peak population of more than 6,000 people (and that includes some 6,000 phone lines—this is California, after all). The studio has its own hospital, a 24-hour security force, a fire department, and an array of businesses and services. "We can construct or manufacture anything you can imagine in this business—from meteor explosions to haunted mansions, other planets, submarines, airplanes on gimbals, and a museum of natural history."

In her job Holmes is responsible for dealing with all of the financial issues related to the daily functioning of the Paramount "city." And there is no end of variety. "We have 127 overhead departments, all tracked as separate business, with separate profit-and-loss statements," she explains. "I really love the

diversity. For me it's like being the chief financial officer for a restaurant, for a rental company, for an administrative services company ..."

To add even more spice to her job, much of her work is done in a pressure-cooker environment. "Production is a very expensive process," she explains, "and it cannot be held up. Oftentimes you don't have the luxury of getting all the approvals, all of the analyses, all the evaluation you might like. If somebody has to have a control room repaired, it has to be repaired now."

Hers clearly is not a job for the timid or the faint of heart. But she wouldn't change it. "I think it's wonderful to be able to come to work everyday and look forward to whatever the day is going to bring."

Away from the studio, Holmes spends a lot of time gardening and has learned to play the Celtic harp, which she finds very relaxing. She also devotes a great deal of time to her cats. She and Alan have nine "We didn't plan to; it just sort of happened," she says. (For more on her cats—all adopted strays, many with serious health problems—visit her Web site, www.tallyville.com.)

One thing Holmes seldom does on her own time is go to the movies. Who needs them when every working day is part of "an amazing adventure"?

-R. Pilger

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association notes with sorrow the passing of the following graduates:

'22 Minnie Jennie Phillipson (Wershof) BA, '24 MA, of Toronto in July '00
'25 Edward Rusling Tavender BA, '27 LLB, of Calgary in August '00
'29 Kathleen Lyle (Fewkes) BA, of Calgary in October '00
'30 Walter Stirling Anderson BSc, of Edmonton in October '00
Helen Frances Shandro (Alexander) Dip(Nu), of Salt Spring Island, B.C. in July '00
Jean Suito (Black) BA, of Edmonton in May '00
'31 Eloise Mary Moran BSc(HEC), of Nanton, Alberta in July '00
William Harold Killick Dip(Pharm), of Rocky Mountain House, in July '00
'32 Newcombe Noah Bentley BA, '34 BSc(Ag), of Edmonton in August '00
J. Ivan Sheppy BA, '50 BEd, of Edmonton in August '00
'33 Albert Edwin Beavers BCom, of Calgary in October '00
'34 Edith Morse Dunsmore (McLuhan) Dip(Nu), of Strathmore, Alberta in August '00
William Morley Hodgson MD, of London, Ontario in June '00
Edward Sinclair Reikie BA, of Calgary in October '00
Velma I. Rust (Miller) BSc, '44 BEd, '47 MEd, of Ottawa in October '00
'35 Joan Elizabeth Hunt BA, of Edmonton in October '00
Glen Joseph Moher BSc(Eng), in June '00
Robert Mulligan BSc(Eng), of Burnaby, B.C. in July '00
'36 Marion Catherine Wilson (Conroy) BA, of Merrickville, Ontario in July '00
'37 Isabel Muriel Davidson (Stanley) BA, of Vernon, B.C. in October '00
Doreen Tuttle (Speers) Dip(Nu), of White Rock, B.C. in September '00
'38 Jack Henry Hole BSc(Eng), of Surrey, B.C. in October '00
Helen Lamont Johnston (Gee) DipNu, of Penticton, B.C. in July '00
William Arthur Wilson BA, of Merrickville & Ottawa in '94
'39 Leonard Vincent McGurran BCom, of Ottawa in '99
William Bruce Taylor BSc(Pharm), '39 Dip(Pharm), of Edmonton in August '00
'40 Leslie James Brown BSc(Eng), of Ottawa in April '00
Donald Herbert Carlson BA, of Oakville, Ontario in March '99
Edwin Maurice Sanderson BA, of Edmonton in August '00
Frank H. White BSc(Ag), '42 MSc, of Simcoe, Ontario in January '97

'41 Jean Helen Simonton (Hill) BA, of Victoria in September '00
'42 Erma May Beairisto (Underdahl) Dip(Nu), of Calgary in July '00
Florence Dorene Fair (Stetson) BSc(HEC), of Kelowna, B.C. in July '00
Gordon H. Killick BSc, of Calgary in July '00
Mary Theresa Skelton (Francis) BA, '43 Dip(Ed), '45 BEd, of Lethbridge in August '00
'43 Howard Francis Gain BA, '47 LLB, of Calgary in July '00
Raymond Urgel Lemieux BSc, '91 LLD(Honorary), of Edmonton in July '00
Jack Watson Masson MD, of Modesto, California in August '00
'44 Ernest Fredrick Kreutzler MD, of Dublin, Ohio in December '99
Yoshitaro Yoneda MD, of Edmonton in September '00
'45 Dorothy Maxine Bolger (Smith) BSc(HEC), of Portland, Oregon in October '00
Eunice June Danforth (Butterwick) Dip(PHNU), of Calgary in October '00
John Alexander MacDonald MD, of Burnaby, B.C. in September '99
'46 William Archer BA, '50 BDiv, of North Vancouver in '97
Ambrose Zitnak BSc(Ag), '53 MSc, '55 PhD, of Guelph, Ontario in July '00
'47 George Filipchuk BEd, '48 MEd of Edmonton in July '00
Marcel Joseph Lambert BCom, of Barrhead, Alberta in September '00
Kenneth Alan McMurphy DDS, of Victoria in July '00
Margaret Adelaide Walley (Jenkins) Dip(Nu), of Vancouver in October '00
'48 Charles Ronald Fetherston BA, '49 LLB, of Kelowna, B.C. in September '00
Edward Raitz BEd, '67 MEd, of Penticton, B.C. in October '00
George Alexander Sackville BSc, '50 MD, of New Westminster, B.C.
Herbert William Skirten BCom, in April '98
'49 George Kenneth Cruikshank BCom, of Calgary in October '00
John Edward Fitzsimmons BSc(Ag), '51 MSc, of Edmonton in September '00
Edith Blodwen (Jones) Dip(Ed), '50 BEd, of Calgary in September '00
Lawrence Ralph Mellom BEd, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta in May '96
Ethel Jane Wilcox (Dodd) BEd, of Calgary in August '00
Clarence Lyle Wilson BCom, of Calgary in August '00
'50 Raymond William Fleming BSc, '52 MD, of Banff, Alberta in September '00
Ronald Roland J. Mulligan BA, of Victoria in April '00
Selby Mead Thorne BSc(Eng), of Rimbey, Alberta in October '00

Robert Charles Willis BEd, of Victoria
'51 F. Marion House (Love) BA, of Willowdale, Ontario in August '00
Joell Mohan Dip(Ed), '52 Dip(Ed), '53 BEd, of Edmonton in November '98
'52 Cyril Percy Cole BSc(Eng), of Calgary in August '00
John Paetkau BEd, '60 BA of Kelowna, B.C. in October '00
'54 June Ann Jepson (MacDonald) DipNu, of Cranbrook, B.C. in June '00
'55 Robert St. Clair Blackett BSc(Eng), of Calgary in October '00
Thomas Lawrence PhD, of Saskatoon in December '94
'56 Jan Diepenheim DDS, of Seattle, Washington in October '98
Glendon Lewis Rogers DDS, of Swift Current, Saskatchewan in June '88
Ronald Elmer Spackman BA, '59 LLB of Calgary in October '00
'57 James Feniak BSc(Eng), of Washago, Ontario in March '99
Leonard E. Thomas BEd, of Calgary in August '00
'58 Eveline Margaret Osachoff (Hobbs) BA, '60 BEd of Edmonton in October '00
'59 William Howard Kelly BEd, of Lethbridge in September '00
Joan Marie Sivertsen (Lawrence) BSc(Nu), of Calgary in September '00
Ian Walker BA, of Sherwood Park, Alberta in September '00
'61 Patricia Eleanor McManus BSc, of Calgary in March '99
'62 Louise Mildred Mikkelsen (Gardner) BA, of Calgary in September '00
'63 John Cuthbert Groarke BEd, '67 BA, of Calgary in August '00
'64 Gwen Mary Gagne (Schommer) BMus, Cert(Arts), of Ottawa in March '00
'65 Ted Leo Cabaj BA, '67 BEd, '77 MEd, of St. Paul, Alberta in July '00
Henry David Rempel BA, of Fredericton, New Brunswick
'66 Margaret Wilhelmina Fitzpatrick BEd, of Peterborough, Ontario in September '99
Gary Dale Hadford BSc, of Calgary in October '00
William Ray Meakins BEd, of Lethbridge in August '00
Arthur Wilson Peddicord BEd, '69 Dip(Ed) of St. Albert, Alberta in October '00
Ursula Whitley BSc(Nu), of Edmonton in August '00
'67 John Ewen Loomes BEd, of Edmonton in October '00
David Wayne Peterson BEd, of Edmonton in July '99
'68 Wilmina Johanna Erickson (Vaneldik) BEd, of Viking, Alberta in

July '00
Roy Allan Swanson BCom, '69 MBA, of St. Albert, Alberta in May '00
'69 Jenny Mae Lind BEd, of Edmonton in July '00
Gertrude Esther McNamara BEd, of Waskatenau, Alberta in October '00
'71 Robert Andrew Corbett BEd, '82 Dip(Ed) of Edmonton in October '00
Norio Hosoi MEd, of Edmonton in September '00
'72 Laurens Korteweg PhD, of Thunder Bay, Ontario in June '00
Judith Ann McCulloch (Neuman) BEd, of Irricana, Alberta in July '00
Thomas William Pulton BA, of Victoria in August '00
'73 Judith Lynne Phillips (Nichols) BEd, of Calgary in October '00
'74 Richard George Tait BEd, of Toronto in July '00
Alun Edward Williams BEd, of Red Deer in June '00
'75 Michael Gabriel Billey BEd, of Smoky Lake, Alberta in October '00
'77 John Martin Bauman BEd, '91 MEd, of Saint Petersburg, Florida in August '00
Vincent Patrick Smith BSc(Ag), of Calgary in August '00
Paraskevas James Spertalis PhD, of Sydney, Australia
'80 Marie Savidan BPE, '88 BEd of Igloolik, N.W.T.
'81 Barbara Jean den Otter (Kaechele) BEd, '91 Dip(Ed), of Langley, B.C. in July '00
Marita Dyrbye BSc(OT), '97 MSc(OT) of Edmonton in October '00
'82 Gerald A. Royer MA, of Edmonton in October '00
Christie Judith Ryan MSc, of Woodlawn, Ontario in May '00
Glenda Louise Smith (Wagner) BEd, of Edmonton in January '98
'83 Dean Darcy Domzy BEd, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta in August '00
'84 Wendy Colleen Edwards BSc(HEC), of St. Albert, Alberta in August '00
'88 Janice Muriel Hunter BSc(Nu), of Belmont, Massachusetts in August '00
Robert William Brent Wilk BCom, of Edmonton in August '00
'90 George Kazoleas BA, of Drayton Valley, Alberta in August '00
'92 Sandra Lynn McKinnon BSc(Nu), '94 MNU, of Edmonton in September '00
Lorne Allan McMaster MBA, of Edmonton in July '00
'94 Noel Sebastian Sadee BEd, of Sherwood Park, Alberta in July '00
'98 Oksana Orysia Kotenko BA, of Edmonton in July '00
'99 Jeremy Edward McNabb BSc(Pharm), of St. Albert, Alberta in September '00

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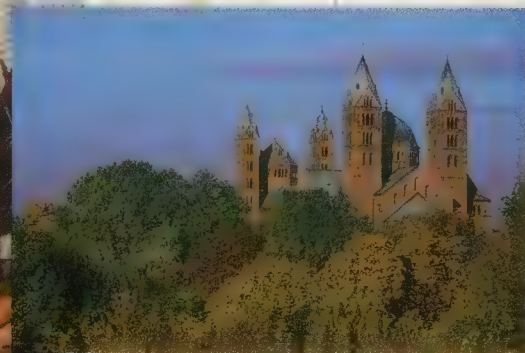
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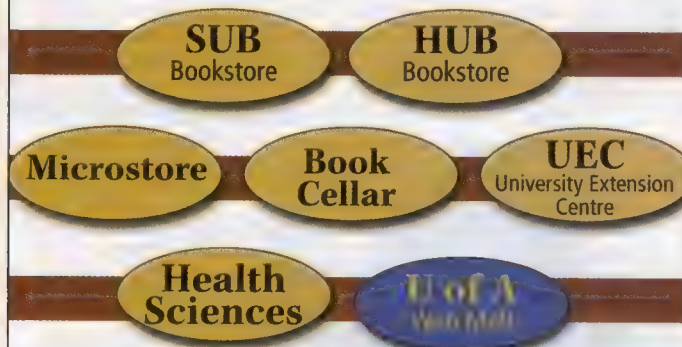
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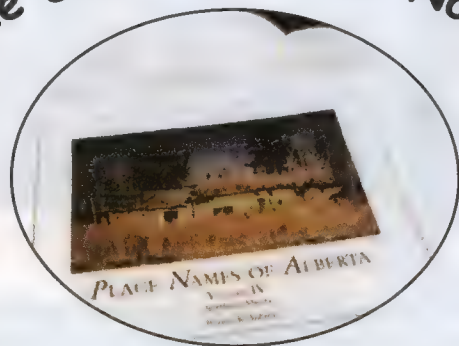
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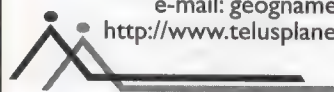
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Glynis Middleton (Alleyne), BMus, of Sherwood Park, Alberta, completed her MBA from Queen's U in 1992 and is a management consultant in her own firm. She continues her musical involvement by playing and singing "wherever and whenever I can." Glynis also owns and operates a physiotherapy clinic with her husband in Leduc, Alberta. She would love to hear from friends, past and present, who can contact her at laptgmid@panet.com.

'90 Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, MSc, '88 BSc, of Sherwood Park, Alberta, writes, "Hello to everyone in the psychology and family studies department—the two departments I call home." Z'Anne has been working for the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission as a research officer for 10 years, and along with her husband, **Brad Jansen**, '89 MLS, is enjoying the joy and challenge of parenting their two sons.

Michael Kirk, LLB, recently became a partner at the Edmonton law firm Lucas Bowker & White.

Thomas O'Reilly, LLB, of Edmonton, recently became a partner at the law firm Field Atkinson Perraton.

Douglas Walker, BSc(MedLabSci), '94 Pstgrd Dip, is currently in private practice in Brookings, Oregon, and Gold Beach, Oregon. A recent newlywed, Douglas married **Lana White**, '92 BEd, on Canada Day, 2000. "We really enjoy exploring the southern Oregon coast."

Robert Wereley, BEd, of Edmonton, completed an MA from Simon Fraser U in Burnaby, B.C. and is currently an instructor at NAIT. "My plans for the future are to enter into and complete my doctorate from the U of A."

'91 Paul Alpern, LLB, '89 MBA, '86 BCom, of Edmonton, is corporate counsel to Stantec Inc. and is a sessional instructor with the U of Lethbridge. Paul and **Colleen Alpern (Rathwell)**, '89 BEd, have two girls, and they were expecting their third child in July 2000.

Lisa Blum, BA, '96 BSc(Nu), joined the Canadian Forces after graduating from the U of A. She served in Bosnia with NATO at a multinational hospital for both service members and the local population from February to September 2000. Lisa now works in Edmonton as a critical-care nurse as part of a collaborative effort with Capital Health and the Canadian Forces.

Brenda Erickson, BEd, of Kanata, Ontario, has been teaching at a private school for the last three years. Prior to that, Brenda worked as a supply teacher for the Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board. A newlywed, she was married in August. "I wish to send a big hello to my friends in Edmonton, especially Barb at SU." Friends can e-mail Brenda at sfb@magma.ca.

James Freeman, MBA, '91 MSc, is currently working in the Czech Republic in a start-up GSM mobile phone operator owned by the Canadian company TIW. James will be in Prague until June of next year, and hopes to return to Edmonton in August of 2001.

Eugene Mah, BSc, '96 MSc, of Charleston, South Carolina, has completed and passed the oral component of the American Board of Radiology Medical Physics certification exam and is now board certified. "The next milestone will be my upcoming wedding in April 2001."

Charlene Rooke (Yarrow), BA, is the new editor—beginning with the July/August 2000 issue—of *Avenue*, an award-winning city magazine in Calgary. Previously, Charlene was editor of *Arch*, the U of Calgary alumni magazine.

'92 Sandi Dong (Mah), BEd, writes that her husband, **George Dong**, '91 MSc, '88 BSc(Eng), is part of the "brain drain statistic." The couple moved to Austin, Texas, in January 1999. When she wrote, Sandi was enjoying staying at home with their four-year-old daughter and said she was finally feeling settled and getting used to the heat.

'93 Garrett Eisenbraun, LLB, '90 BA, recently became a partner at the Edmonton law firm Field Atkinson Perraton.

Kit Koon, BA, received her MBA from California State U Hayward in June and plans to move to California next year. Kit is currently an assistant manager (sales) at a Japanese Trading Company in Waterloo Hill, Kowloon. "My years of training in Japanese at the U of A finally pay off. Salute to all my professors!"

'94 Marla Zapach-Coleman, BA, '97 MA, of Edmonton, was recently married. She works for the United Nations as the coordinator of the Democracy Trust in Honduras.

off the beaten path

Greg Ball, '93 BA and Steve Blackman, '97 LLB, have an incredible story to tell. It's about how the two of them made Canadian television history with their first-ever TV series, *The Associates*—a one-hour drama that premieres this January on CTV.

At \$1 million plus per episode, *The Associates* has the biggest budget of any Canadian television series to date. Co-produced, written, and created by Ball and Blackman—neither of whom have any previous television credentials—*The Associates* is about five young lawyers struggling to get ahead in a Toronto office of an international law firm. The series took only about a year and a half to go from script to screen. "That's unheard of," says Ball. Still overwhelmed by it all, both recall with childlike excitement all the celebrities they met at the series' launch—including CTV's national icon, Lloyd Robertson, and the casts of *Alley McBeal*, *The Sopranos*, and *The West Wing*.

But take away the lights, the camera, the Toronto setting, and you have two guys who not all that long ago were living their own version of *The Associates*. One-time Edmonton lawyers working their way up, these two have put their law career on standby, but both acknowledge that it was law—both school and work—that got them where they are now.

Although both grew up in the greater Edmonton area—Blackman attended Ross Sheppard High School; Ball went to Archbishop Jordan High in Sherwood Park—and attended their third year of law school at the U of A together (Ball went to U of Ottawa for his first two years and was a visiting student at the U of A for his third) it wasn't until they were articling that they bud-died up.

Blackman (left) and Ball outside the U of A Law Centre on a recent visit to campus.

It was at a firm's Christmas party. "We [articling students] were in this big circle and the question came up, 'What would we do if we weren't lawyers?'" says Blackman.

Realizing that they both shared the same "what-if answer," Blackman and Ball decided to work together, and the screenwriting began. After working 10-hour-plus days as lawyers they would meet for late-night writing sessions. "We spent a lot of time at Denny's," says Blackman, strongly emphasizing the "a lot" part. Ball calls them, "days in Denny's," and says the two were in their own nutty world, where they let their creativity, and endless cups of coffee and diet colas, flow.

They started with plays and feature-length films before deciding to try out television writing. It didn't take them long to decide what to write about. They recognized that what they were living was good drama, says Ball. "We were suffering," Blackman pipes in, adding it's tough being a young professional today. "At graduation you are at the top of the class, and when you start working you instantly go to the bottom."

Drawing from their real-life experiences and using Canadian law—and real cases—they created what is now *The Associates*. Their big break came when they attended the Banff Television Festival in June 1999 to pitch their show. But it wasn't easy. Three days before the conference, they found out

that this was a big, anybody-who-is-somebody event. And it was their responsibility to arrange meetings with network officials, producers, etc. "We just thought we would meet people while conferencing," says Ball with a who-knew tone in his voice. Breaking all the rules—hey, they were rookies—they sent what Blackman describes as a "crazy, off-the-cuff e-mail," to 110 people in the film and TV industry, including company presidents. It worked—they received more than 40 responses and managed to set up 22 meetings from Alliance-Atlantis, Lions Gate, and Paramount to CTV, Global and HBO.

When they arrived at Banff, Ball and Blackman jumped right in. At the festival's opening cocktail party, they starting pitching to everyone. "There were 2,000 delegates there, and we were waving to make it look like we had friends," says Ball, laughing. Enter some conflict—Blackman and Ball realized they needed more time to hold all their meetings. Only registered for two days and not being able to afford a third, they got as creative as their writing. They set up their own so-called meeting table in the same hotel where the conference was being held, but in a lounge that was outside the conference space. It was here the meeting with CTV took place.

With six shows completed and a hot, prime-time position, *The Associates* is just the beginning for Ball and Blackman, who own their own production company. Keeping the momentum going, the two are already working on new shows and eyeing the U.S. market. They have even penned a spec script, "Flight from Eden" for David E. Kelley's *The Practice*. And, no matter what the future holds for Blackman and Ball, success should be inevitable—they have already set a precedent.

— J. Litwin



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Reunion 2000, held from 14-17 September 2000, provided an opportunity for hundreds of alumni to celebrate their connection to the University of Alberta.



1. Alumni visit—and indulge in famous Tuck Shop cinnamon buns—at the Tuck Shop Breakfast.

2. **Les Warden**, '50 BSc(Ag), and **Harvey Robinson**, '50 BSc, chum up at the Tuck Shop Breakfast.

3. Alumni dance up a storm at the Gala Dinner and Dance held at Northlands Agricom.

4. **Richard McCreary**, '51 BSc, and **Bob Bannerman**, '49 BCom, joke around at the President's Brunch held at the Chateau Lacombe.

5. Alumni take time out from reminiscing to have their photo taken at the Chancellor's Reception.

6. Former classmates gather together for a photo at the Gala Dinner and Dance.

7. **Barbara Bassett (Blackett)**, '50 BA, Ray Bassett, and **Diane Walker**, '52 BSc, at the Gala Dinner and Dance.

Notice the fun Barbara had with stars—she put them on her cheek and brow.



8. Rhonda Henry (Colquhoun), '68 Dip(RehabMed), '79 BSc(PT), (left) and Eileen Tymn, '58 BSc(Pharm) at an alumni event held this August in Penticton.

9. Some members from the 1946 Pandas basketball team and their coach recently got together for a reunion in Edmonton.

10. It was a pub night get together for alumni in Canmore held in June 2000.

11. Jack Nielsen, '41 DDS, and Brian Olthuis, '70 BPE, proudly show off their original Block A sweaters at the Kelowna alumni event.

12. Alumni gather for an event held in Seattle, Washington in October.

13. It was great fun for alumni who met at an event in Kelowna, B.C., in August 2000.



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'95 Lisa Byers (Forth), BSc(Pharm), and Trevor Byers, '97 MD, welcomed their first child, Jacob, in January 2000. Lisa is currently on maternity leave from her job in long-term-care pharmacy. Trevor recently joined a family medicine clinic in Leduc, Alberta. Both are "looking forward to becoming part of a smaller community!"

Scott Basinger, BSc(Eng), is currently working in Calgary as a project engineer with Culter-Hammer Canada. Friends can contact Scott by e-mail at basinger@home.com.

Martin Tucker, BSc, '98 BEd, created a Web site to keep in touch with all former and current Safewalk volunteers. It's at www.egroups.com/subscribe.old-safewalkers.

Allan Williams, BSc(Nu), moved to Texas after graduating from the U of A, and it was there that he met his wife, who is from Ontario. Together they moved to Maine for a few years, and their son was born in Bangor, Maine, in 1997. Last year, Allan and his family moved to Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Allan now works for the Dartmouth Hitchcock Air Response Team division as a transport/flight

nurse. "I love working at a highly recognized academic institution, and the geographical location we live in is breathtaking. I feel like I am on vacation everyday."

'96 Jessica Benjamin, LLB, '92 BA, is practising immigration law with the federal department of justice in Winnipeg. Jessica and her husband, Joel, were expecting their first child at the end of October.

Brett Manning, BA, and Kelti Sinclair, '97 BA, were married in September 2000. They have relocated to Chicago, Illinois, where Brett has accepted a position at Headhunter.

Arnold Ness, LLB, '92 BA, and his family have recently moved to the White Rock area in B.C. He writes that they are enjoying a "West Coast lifestyle, but wish it included the Alberta economics." Arnold, who will complete his MBA in 2001 at Royal Roads U, plans to improve his golf game as his next educational project.

Nikki Van Dusen, BA, recently complete her second year of teaching in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program. "Konnichiwa from Southern Japan," writes Nikki.

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Gary Zimmermann, LLB, '89 BA, '92 BEd, of Edmonton, recently joined the law firm Duncan & Craig.

'97 Gordon Harris, MBA, LLB, of Edmonton, recently joined the law firm Duncan & Craig.

Nathan Loewen, BSc(Eng), of Spruce Grove, Alberta, was responsible for the structural design of the parkade and first floor of the U of A's new Telus Centre.

Gavin Mills, BEd, has been teaching with the Calgary Board of Education for three years. He was recently nominated for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award for a beginning teacher.

Megan McDougald, MBA, is a consultant for the Balanced Scorecard Collaborative in Lincoln, Massachusetts. In June, Megan married **Erwin Hunke**, '78 BCom, in Saskatoon, and they are currently in the process of relocating from Edmonton to the Boston area. Megan would love to hear from her MBA classmates and can be reached at megan.mcdougald@ualberta.net.

Omar Reham, BCom, is in Hamilton, Bermuda, working with the firm Arthur Andersen.

Dylan Scammell, BA, has completed his MBA at the Vienna School of Economics in Austria in May 2000 and is now working for IBM Global Operations in New York. His e-mail address is deardylan@hotmail.com.

Colin Stang, BSc, works for the NWT Power Corporation and spends most of his time on capital projects through the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Colin lives in Hay River with his wife,

Anya Stang, '97 BSc(Nu), their son Parker, and their dog, Oliver. Anya was expecting a second child in August. Friends can contact Colin by e-mail at cstand@ntpc.com.

Ross Swanson, LLB, '93 BA, has joined the Edmonton law firm Duncan & Craig.

Heather Taylor, BA(NativeSt), has left the cold of Old Crow, Yukon, where she was the land resource planner for the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. She now works for Anderson Exploration Ltd. in Calgary as the company's northern affairs and regulatory coordinator. Heather writes she will miss the North, but is "happy to be back in Alberta."

Victor Yung, MSC, '94 BSc(Eng), has moved to England where he is completing his PhD at the U of Cambridge. "Life is nice in Cambridge, but I could use a little more sunshine."

'98 Candice Scott (Renneberg), BEd, married Shane Scott in July 1999. They now live in Hinton, Alberta, where Candice is a substitute teacher.

Kent Sutherland, BEd, '98 BMus, has gone back to school after spending two years as a substitute teacher. He is in the arts and cultural management program at Grant MacEwan College.

'99 Michelle Tubman, BSc(MedLabSci), headed off to the Maldives in September with Voluntary Service Overseas Canada. She is teaching and coordinating the Medical Laboratory Technologist course at the National Institute of Health and setting up a clinical lab in partnership with the World Health Organization.

Lorne Fierbach, '93 BA, '96 MBA, and **Shawn Lowry**, '94 BA, '97 MBA, are the masterminds behind *getacard.com*, a revolutionary e-business that lets people purchase and mail real cards via the Internet.

Based in Los Angeles, *getacard.com* takes the stress out of sending greeting cards. That was the whole idea behind its creation, says Lorne (below, left), about the e-service that allows customers to select, personalize, and purchase cards online, which are then mailed to friends, family, colleagues—you name it. And their Web service also sends reminders—two weeks ahead of time—to help customers remember special days, such as birthdays or anniversaries. In fact, that was the inspiration for *getacard.com* as neither Lorne or Shawn could ever



remember some of the special days in the lives of their family and friends. Plus, Shawn says, both had always talked about trying out their entrepreneurial abilities. "And it feels great," says Lorne about running their own business, which has grown from 10 to 40 employees in the last several months.



Joe Helten, '99 BCom, (left) and Conrad Bitangcol, returned home to St. Albert, Alberta, after successfully hiking the 4,240-km Pacific Crest Trail, a path that winds through desert and travels along a mountain range. The trek, which started on 15 May 2000 at the Mexico-California border, took four-and-a-half months to complete. Surviving bears, blisters, and bugs, the ambitious duo arrived at the finish line in Manning Provincial Park, B.C. on 4 October 2000. Joe and Conrad, who hiked approximately 40 km each day, undertook this adventure to increase awareness of the St. Albert Youth Community Centre and the power of personal will and drive for youth.

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Sticking with it

Ray Rajotte just wouldn't say 'no'

By Zanne Cameron



ABOUT

RAY RAJOTTE

Favourite time of year:

Christmas "I enjoy the pre-Christmas glitz and celebrations. I enjoy getting together with my family. I enjoy the big meal on Christmas Eve, and then the more-relaxed Christmas Day."

Favourite Christmas tradition:

Réveil—the traditional French Christmas Eve celebration

Favourite Christmas Carol:

White Christmas

Favourite Christmas food

Turkey with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and gravy

Favourite Boxing Day snack:

Leftover turkey

Ray Rajotte, '71 BSc(Eng), '75 PhD, recalls attending a conference where the ballyhoo was that a cure for diabetes was imminent. That was in the '70s. "We didn't expect it to take 30 years at all," says the unprepossessing U of A professor of surgery and medicine.

Rajotte is the director of the University's now-famous Islet Transplantation Group that developed the Edmonton Protocol, a procedure that has produced insulin independence in all 14 people on whom it was tested.

"As a farm boy, if problems arise you learn to just do what needs to be done."

Success didn't come easily, however. Rajotte and his team have been studying islet cell transplantation and how to finesse the procedure that now seems so simple for almost 30 years. The team that he put together over the years was one of a handful who stuck with the project. Put off by failure, others dropped by the wayside.

Rajotte's decidedly 'unswank' office in a back corner of the Dentistry/Pharmacy Centre belies the relaxed composure of the man. It is overflowing with papers, binders, journals, and more paper, all precariously underpinned by a desk, shelves, and cabinets, circa 1960. He is graduate director of the Surgical Medical Research Institute of the Department of Surgery and, on top of his own research, Rajotte guides the research of masters and PhD students fortunate enough to come under his mentorship.

Rajotte says he owes much to his own powerful mentor, the renowned Pere Athol Murray of Notre Dame College

in Wilcox, Saskatchewan. "He taught all his boys to set goals way high up and to strive for those goals, to do whatever you have to do to reach those goals." That ethic is reflected in the members of the Islet Group, many of whom happen to be "Alberta boys," as Rajotte calls them. Prairie perseverance is just their way.

Rajotte slowly built the team over the years with the long view of the farmer, knowing that as a basic scientist he would need clinical colleagues on board. And he is quick to point out that the Group's success was a collaborative effort. "A lot of people worldwide have contributed to certain aspects of the project, and in our own centre, it has truly been a team effort," he says. "The uniqueness in Edmonton is that we have no walls. We all work together to cure this disease." He does not label the Edmonton Protocol a cure. "A cure would mean that diabetes could be prevented entirely."

Perhaps Rajotte's tenacity springs from his roots on the family farm near Wainwright, Alberta. "As a farm boy, if problems arise you learn to just do what needs to be done. If a tractor breaks, you just fix it yourself."

Rajotte began as an X-ray technician, graduating from NAIT's inaugural class. When he discovered his interest in research, he went into mechanical engineering—then the closest thing to biomedical engineering at the University. Using his farm-boy know how, when something necessary to his research wasn't available, he fashioned it himself. "In the '60s we had to build our own microwaves—you just didn't go out and buy a Toshiba." He augmented his engineering courses by taking all of his options in surgery and medicine, "I became a sort of self-educated biomedical engineer," he says.

A major driving force for Rajotte and his team has always been diabetic children and their parents. "You see these young children and you know that their quality of life is going to be terrible; and they ask you, 'Dr. Rajotte will there ever be a cure for diabetes?' Also the motivation of people who have diabetic children is phenomenal." The Alberta Foundation for Diabetic Research was formed in 1988 by a local group who all had one thing in common, a child with diabetes. They have contributed more than \$2 million to the research team.

Rajotte has had little time for leisure pursuits. His passions are "the curiosity of new discovery," and his family. "My dear wife would say 'I wish you'd spent more time with us,'" he reluctantly admits. Still, with her strength and support, they have raised three children and made family a priority. Rajotte enjoyed competitive horse jumping with his children when they were young. "Rather than watching them and freezing, I decided I might as well do it too." Major holidays and Sunday dinners with family have anchored the demands of his research, much of it done in the wee hours after work and on weekends. If push came to shove, Rajotte could do without most things except for his family.

Asked about his weaknesses, Rajotte is stuck. "I must have lots," he says. "Maybe I talk too much?" Eager to pitch in, voices from outside the door happily supply a few others. "Oreo's and chocolate-covered cherries," chimes in his daughter, who works in biomedical research. "Clutter," contributes his long-time assistant, Colleen Ruptash. "He can't say 'no,'" says his secretary, Rosemarie Henley, who has been with him for over a decade. "Is that a weakness?" asks Rajotte, whose inability to say "no" helped him make medical history. 🐾

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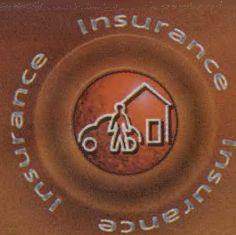
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